

SPOKANE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

POLICY: EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

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Related Policies

Facility Use for Political Purposes

Code of Conduct

Purpose

To provide guidelines for the display of artwork, cultural and educational displays, and private collections in District libraries.

General Policy

The District encourages displays and exhibits of art work, photography, or other articles subject to the following conditions:

- All displays and exhibits must be approved by designated District staff. The District may establish criteria regarding the nature and duration of the display or exhibit. Preference may be given to identified partner organizations.
- All displays and exhibits must be suitable for display to a diverse audience including children.
- Displays and exhibits that contain profanity, obscenity, or explicit sexual imagery, nudity, graphic depictions of violence, or would create a hostile environment are not permitted.
- The District assumes no legal or financial responsibility for loss or damage to items loaned for display and/or exhibit. Any exceptions to this condition must be in writing and signed by the Executive Director or designee prior to the exhibit or display.
- Art works on exhibit may be offered for sale; however, prices may not be posted.
- Items may be refused for display if, in the judgment of the District, they would detract from the appearance of the facility, are poorly executed, or may violate any applicable provisions of law or other District policy.
- The physical characteristics of the display or exhibit will not interfere with normal library operations.
- Approval of items for display and exhibition does not constitute or imply District endorsement of the individual or organization submitting the item(s), or their content.

The Executive Director will establish administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy. Any appeal of an administrative action under this policy will first be made in writing to the Executive Director and then to the Board of Trustees.

The District will make a good faith effort to implement this policy in a fair and consistent manner.