



ECKHART PUBLIC
LIBRARY

Display Policy

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Eckhart Public Library affirms the American Library Association's *Bill of Rights* Article I that "Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves ... [and] not excluded because of the origin, age, background, or views of those contributing to their creation."

Library displays support the mission of the Library by providing users with additional opportunities for accessing and discovering diverse information at all stages of life. Library displays increase awareness of programs, resources, and services, and introduce users and potential users to the Library's role as a facilitator of information access.

The Library actively seeks to include a variety of materials on library displays, representing a diversity of genres, formats, ideas, and expressions with a multitude of viewpoints and cultural perspectives that reflect the diversity of the community. The existence of a particular viewpoint in a display is not an endorsement of that particular point of view but an expression of the Library's adherence to the principles of intellectual freedom. Library displays will not be censored or removed because someone may disagree with the content. See the Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials procedures and the Collection Development Policy for additional information about the Library's commitment to intellectual freedom.

Ultimate responsibility for Library displays lies with the Executive Director, who operates within the framework of policies adopted by the Library Board of Trustees. The Executive Director may, from time to time, delegate some or all of these responsibilities to professional staff. Criteria for selection include, but are not limited to:

- Newly purchased items
- Community needs and interest
- Availability of display space
- Relation to library collections, resources, exhibits, and programs
- Historical or educational significance

The design and/or location of any display anywhere on the campus of the Library shall be determined solely at the discretion of the Executive Director.

Concerns, questions, or complaints about displays are handled according to the same written policy and procedures that govern reconsideration of other Library resources. Policies apply equally to all people, including Library users, staff, and board members.