

Policy: 418.0: Displays/Exhibits

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The Salem-South Lyon District Library welcomes the opportunity to allow the community to use the exhibit areas of the Library. Display goals are to educate, enlighten and empower.

The fact that an organization or person is permitted to use a library display/exhibit space does not in any way constitute an endorsement by the Library of its policies or beliefs and no claim to that effect may be used in advertising.

The following policy has been developed to promote equitable access to the display/exhibit spaces in the Library and to ensure that displays/exhibits reflect the Library's overall commitment to quality. This policy applies to all public-provided displays/exhibits in the Library.

The Salem-South Lyon District Library is committed to following guidelines for display set out in the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights:

1. The Library will consider a wide range of artistic expression and educational value in deciding on potential displays/exhibits. In deciding on the suitability of any work, the Library is mindful that the display/exhibit areas are used for normal library activity and will be viewed by all segments of the community and all age groups. The Library reserves the right to decline any display/exhibit. In the event that a potential display/exhibit is declined, the Director or coordinating librarian will notify the applicant in writing explaining the reason for the decision. The Library Director has final approval over any proposed display/exhibit as well as the right to request the exhibitor to make changes to the display/exhibit.
2. The display/exhibit spaces may not be used for political purposes, advertising, or for commercial enterprises.
3. The Library assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage or destruction of items left for display.