

DISPLAY POLICY

Purpose:

As a cornerstone of education and culture, the Somerset Public Library welcomes exhibits and displays that enrich, inform, and engage the community. Exhibitions and information showcasing artwork, collections, historical artifacts, nature studies, and other materials and events of general interest are encouraged. Displays aim to offer a diverse array of topics appealing to various ages, genders, and interests.

Bulletin Board Postings:

Library facilities are also available to the public for display and distribution of materials. These facilities may not be used for commercial purposes. The following types of notices will not be posted: those related to political candidates or viewpoints, notices of merchandise or services sought, for sale or rent. Space is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis, and materials must be dated. The library reserves the right to limit the duration of an exhibit and the frequency of the use of library space by an individual or group.

Library Collection Displays:

Library staff curate and schedule displays of library materials to highlight different sections of our collection, raise awareness of current events, and enhance accessibility. These displays aim to represent a broad spectrum of opinions, viewpoints, and interests, ensuring the library serves the needs of our diverse community. Library-initiated displays seek to offer a balanced representation of perspectives and are not excluded based solely on potential controversy.

Community Displays:

The library offers a display case and gallery wall for community groups and individuals to exhibit art and collections. These displays may include visual art, collections, and other materials of educational, cultural, or artistic significance. The library reserves the right to decline exhibits that do not align with its mission or due to space and scheduling constraints. Interested exhibitors must complete an application to be considered for display, and a library-appointed committee will review applications, select exhibits, and schedule display dates.

Exhibitor Responsibilities:

- The exhibitor is responsible for installing and removing their display within the agreed-upon time frame. Items left at the library for more than 20 days after the display period may be discarded by the library.
- Exhibits may not involve the sale, advertisement, solicitation, or promotion of commercial products. No statements may be posted regarding the availability of items for sale.
- Exhibitors authorize the library to use images of their submitted works for publicity and documentation purposes, including but not limited to social media, press releases, and promotional materials.
- The library assumes no responsibility for the preservation, protection, or potential damage or theft of any items displayed. All items are exhibited at the owner's risk