



Exhibit Policy

1. Statement of Purpose

The James Blackstone Memorial Library encourages exhibits within its facilities, subject to this Exhibit Policy, which establishes the procedures and rules by which exhibits will be displayed in the Library, and which will be applied without discrimination and in the best interests of all of the Library's users.

2. Exhibits

Library exhibits are organized in a manner consistent with the Library Bill of Rights, which states that libraries should provide materials and information with diverse points of view on current and historical issues. An Application for Exhibit may be made to the Library Director by individuals and/or groups in the community. The Library Director will consider such requests in consultation with the Exhibit Committee. All exhibits will reflect respect for the Library's mission which is to provide essential access to information, resources and unique shared experiences to help ensure Branford is an educated and enriched community. The Library does not necessarily endorse the opinions or beliefs projected in works displayed at the Library.

3. Sale of Art

There is no fee for exhibiting, and the library suggests a donation of 10% from any sales made of any works from the exhibit. The artist is responsible for all arrangements with the buyer and for Connecticut sales tax.

4. Exhibit Committee

The Library Director may establish an Exhibit Committee at his or her sole discretion and will appoint the members of such committee.

5. Responsibility for Exhibits

The Library Director is authorized to select exhibits. The Exhibit Committee may propose exhibits to the Library Director and provide advice on selection criteria. The use of display areas will be determined by the Library Director at his or her sole discretion. The Library Director may call on additional people with knowledge or skills relevant to a display to assist the Exhibit Committee.

Any press releases, announcements or events that an exhibitor may wish to arrange to mark an event opening must be approved in advance by the Library Director.

6. Artist's Application and Exhibit Guidelines

When an exhibit involves art or materials not belonging to the Library, the Exhibit Committee will assist the Library Director in ensuring that each exhibitor executes a copy of the Exhibitor's Application. A sample of the Exhibitor's Application is attached. The Library shall exercise the same standard of care for any exhibit as it does for its own collection. The library's insurance policy does not include works on exhibit; therefore the library is not responsible for damage or loss to loaned items.

7. Enforcement

The provisions of this Exhibit Policy will be construed and enforced by the Library Director at his or her sole discretion. All decisions, determinations and actions taken by the Library Director with respect to this Exhibit Policy are final and are not subject to review by an exhibitor.

8. Amendment

The Library Board of Trustees reserves the right to amend this Exhibit Policy, including the Exhibitor Application, at any time.

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