

## **Exhibits Policy**

### **I. Purpose**

The North Bend Public Library (NBPL) plans displays accessible for all residents in an effort to enrich the educational and cultural resources of the community. Display facilities are available for public and library use. Exhibits using the display space shall further one or more of these purposes:

- To highlight a theme related to library services, collections, or programs and encourage use of library materials and services
- To respond to a variety of educational, cultural, intellectual, and civic interests
- To build inclusion, diversity, equity, and access into our community
- To display original art by local artists

### **II. Consideration**

- Library staff, delegated by the Director of Library Services, shall accept or reject material offered for display based on its suitability to fulfilling display purposes, the availability of display space, or the time needed. The library reserves the right to refuse exhibits which do not further the library's mission or strategic plan.
- Materials selected for exhibit in the library should be appropriate for display to all age groups, including young children, and free from realistic depictions of graphic violence. All displays must comply with Federal and State laws related to obscenity, libel, defamation, and invasion of privacy.
- The library does not accept responsibility for ensuring that all points of view are represented in a single display.
- The presentation of any display does not imply an endorsement of the North Bend Public Library, the City, or its staff, nor will the NBPL accept responsibility for the accuracy of statements made in such materials.

### **III. Guidelines**

- Library administration will designate space(s) for particular types of displays to make the best use of space and/or make displays accessible to the intended audience.
- All displays must adhere to the established guidelines for installation (see NBPL Exhibit Procedure).
- A single group or individual may be limited to a single display in a 12-month period. Length and parameters of all displays are determined by the library (see NBPL Exhibit Procedure). It is not the intent of the library to provide

permanent or continuous exhibits.

- Exhibit reservations are required, and these reservations are not transferrable.
- The library has priority access over display space and will strive not to displace a group or individual with an existing reservation.
- The library assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or destruction of items left for display.
- The group or individual preparing the display may include name, contact information, and price of work (if applicable). The purchase of art shall be a private transaction made directly between the artist and buyer.
- Displays should be set up and taken down on their assigned dates with supervision of library staff. The North Bend Public Library assumes no responsibility for the exhibit after the terms of the display.

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