

Scenic Regional Library Display Policy

Library displays increase awareness of programs, resources, and services.

Library displays are planned, curated, and/or implemented by Library staff. The Library strives to include a wide variety of relevant topics and viewpoints, as well as offer displays that appeal to a range of ages, interests, and information needs. Library staff use the following criteria in making decisions about display topics, materials, and accompanying resources:

- Community needs and interests;
- Availability of display space;
- Availability of resources (number of related materials available at the facility where the display will be);
- Historical or educational significance;
- Connection to other community or national programs, exhibitions, or events;
- Connection to library collections, resources, exhibits, and programs.

The inclusion of an item in a display does not represent an endorsement of its contents by the Library.

Displays intended for a specific age group will only feature materials drawn from the corresponding collections.

Only age-appropriate materials, as defined in the Library's Collection Development Policy, shall be displayed in the Library in areas designated predominantly for minors. For example, only materials classified for children are to be displayed in the children's areas of the Library's facilities.

The Library draws upon other community resources in developing displays, and may partner with community agencies, organizations, educational institutions, or individuals to develop and present displays.

The Library administration does not direct or approve the content of displays at the Library's facilities, with the exception of systemwide programming events, such as Summer Reading Program or the community read.

Reconsideration of Displays

There may be occasions when a patron is concerned about the content of a display in the Library. A patron, for reconsideration purposes, is defined as anyone who lives within the legal service area, has a non-resident card, or a reciprocal card.

If a patron would like the Library to reconsider the presentation of a display, a Request for Reconsideration form is available on the Library's website and at the service desk at all Library

locations. This form must be completed in its entirety and returned to the Library. There will be one request for consideration per form.

The Library Board has delegated responsibility of review and reconsideration to a committee consisting of the Library's professional staff. The display being reconsidered will remain in place during this process.

The decision of the committee will be sent to the patron in writing and published on the library's website. Reconsideration requests are considered a "library record", the disclosure of which is prohibited by RSMO 182.817. Therefore, identifying information will be redacted from the published results.

Intellectual Freedom

All displays presented in the Library under this policy are protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. The Library subscribes to the principles embodied in the Missouri Public Library Standards, the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read Statement, and the Freedom to View Statement adopted by the American Library Association. Decisions on the topic or content of a display are not based on any anticipated disapproval by individual members of the community.

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