

EXHIBIT AND DISPLAY POLICY

HISTORY: The Tigard Public Library welcomes exhibits and displays, which offer a means for public expression by individuals and groups in the community and are a way that the Library serves as a community hub for knowledge and enrichment. The purpose of this policy is to provide fair and consistent standards for the use of exhibit areas in the Library, thus ensuring access to these spaces in a manner that is consistent with the Library's other policies and objectives.

POLICY: The Tigard Public Library follows the principles in the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights. Regarding display spaces, they "will be made available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use." Also as stated in that document, "Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation." And "Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval." In addition, the Library is dedicated to accuracy of information and authentic representation in displays and exhibits.

I. Display Policy and Purpose

- A. The Library functions as an educational and cultural resource for the community. Displays are a means through which the public can visually share and learn about a wide variety of experiences, special interests, and informational topics.
- B. When not being used to promote Library-related or City of Tigard activities or services, display and exhibit spaces are available to individuals or community groups engaged in educational or cultural activities and will be provided on an equitable basis to any such individual or group which goes through the application process.
- C. The Library will not act as an agent for the exhibitor. Artists are encouraged to post a statement about their work, but price tags or the posting of price lists are not permitted.
- D. In general, the Library does not accept commercial notices for any group unless they have an educational, informational, or cultural value to the community. The Library does not accept any materials being offered for sale to the public unless the proceeds are intended to directly benefit the Library.
- E. Display areas include but are not limited to:
 1. Display cases in public areas of the Library
 2. Designated wall spaces in the Puett Room and the Burgess Community Room

- F. The Library assumes no responsibility for security against theft or damage of any displayed material.
- G. The Library reserves the right to remove an exhibit if it interferes with the normal operation of the library.
- H. Priority will be given to the residents of Tigard in cases of date conflicts.

II. Display Guidelines

- A. Individual or community group displays are accepted at the discretion of members of the display committee and/or the Library Director. Displays should be designed to provide an educational or cultural experience.
- B. Displays and exhibits must comply with all federal, state, and local laws, including those pertaining to libel, copyright, and pornography. Exhibits or displays will be refused if they are discriminatory, include inaccurate content, or if they cause harm through dehumanizing representations of those with identities that have been subjected to marginalization including Black, Indigenous & People of Color, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.
- C. Members of the display committee and the Library Director have the right to review and/or decline to display materials before or during the scheduled display period. The decision of the Library Director may be appealed to the Tigard Library Board. The decision of the Library Board will be final.
- D. Displays and exhibits will be approved and scheduled as space permits. The sponsoring group or individual is responsible for creating the display, setting it up according to schedule, and removing it before the next scheduled display or exhibit.
- E. The Tigard Public Library does not endorse the policies or beliefs of an organization or individual by allowing use of library space for an exhibit or display and the exhibitor may not make any claims to that effect.