

Displays and Exhibits Policy

The Moline Public Library, as part of its mission, promotes the power of lifelong learning to our diverse community through quality resources and services. Those resources include displays and exhibits in the Southeast Library and Downtown Library.

The library adheres to the “Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights: Exhibit Spaces and Bulletin Boards,” adopted by the American Library Association Council in 1991.

- **All exhibits considered for space within the library must support the mission of the library, not cause disruption of the regular flow of library work and service, and provide educational, cultural or civic content.**

Library initiated exhibits and displays have priority. Non-library organizations may request exhibit space following the library’s display guidelines.

"Exhibits and displays are for a period of one month. They are not to be used for commercial purposes, solicitation, fundraising, political recruitment, or religious proselytizing. Educational exhibits or displays on the aforementioned subjects may be allowed." Determination of educational exhibits will be made by library administrative staff.

All exhibits will be considered using the following criteria:

- Suitability of subject
- Quality of presentation
- Local interest
- Space requirements
- Timeliness

The library reserves the right to remove or refuse any material judged unsuitable or to rescind an exhibit/display for violation of policy.

Exhibits will be viewed by individuals of all ages; therefore materials of exhibits must visually meet a standard acceptable to the community. It should be noted, however, that the library does not guarantee that exhibits will be suitable for all children. Parents are encouraged to view displays and exhibits with their children.

The Library will not censor or remove a display, exhibit, or item because some members of the community may disagree with its content. Individuals who object to a particular display, exhibit, or item should complete a “Request for Reconsideration Form.” The exhibition or display of materials in the Library does not imply endorsement by the Library of the content or the materials nor of the organization responsible for the display.

The Library does not guarantee that statements or materials presented are accurate.

The Moline Public Library assumes no responsibility for loss, damage, or destruction of items left for display. The Library insures displays that it requests in accordance with city guidelines. For all other displays, insurance coverage is the responsibility of the person or organization supplying the display.

The Moline Public Library accepts no responsibility for items damaged, destroyed, or lost in the display. Display items left more than 30 days after the final date of the exhibition will be considered abandoned by the exhibitor and become the property of the library unless prior arrangements have been made for the items’ removal.

The installation and removal of the display or exhibit is to be done by the person or organization and not by library staff. Displays and exhibits should be removed at the agreed upon time and facilities should be left in good condition following the removal of a display.

While the library tries to avoid canceling or suspending displays or exhibits, the library reserves the right to do so if facilities are needed for library purposes. Every effort will be made to give as much advance notice as possible. The person or group supplying an exhibit or display assumes the risk that the exhibit/display could be cancelled or postponed.

Specific requirements for the glass display cases and the Reher Art Gallery

Artists may exhibit their work for sale. Items for sale will have prices and contact information listed on a handout. All sales are to be handled directly by the artist or the artist’s agent off library grounds. Sold items must remain a part of the exhibit until the end of the exhibition unless prior permission has been given. Artists may hold an opening for their exhibit during open hours at the library following library policies. Exhibitions must be open to the public with no admission charges. Publicity for display case and Reher Art Gallery exhibits is the responsibility of the exhibitor.

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