

Windsor Locks Public Library, Inc.

Display Policy

Purpose

Windsor Locks Public Library, Inc. provides curated displays that reflect its mission to foster lifelong learning, promote free access to information, and serve the diverse interests and educational needs of the community. Library displays are an important tool for public engagement and support the Library's role as a community-centered space.

Displays are created to provide for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all residents, and they aim to represent a wide range of varied and diverging viewpoints. They also serve as resources for voluntary inquiry and the dissemination of information and ideas, in support of intellectual freedom and independent exploration.

This policy outlines the standards and procedures for developing, managing, and evaluating Library displays.

Policy Statement

Windsor Locks Public Library, Inc. develops and presents displays to:

- Enhance access to Library resources and collections
- Promote reading, research, creativity, and civic engagement
- Reflect current issues, cultural heritage, historical anniversaries, and community events
- Represent multiple viewpoints, including those that may be controversial

All Library displays:

- Are curated by professionally trained library staff
- Provide content relevant to the research, educational, and independent interests of residents
- Are made accessible and evaluated in accordance with Section 46a-64 of the Connecticut General Statutes, ensuring non-discrimination in public services

The Library distinguishes between:

- Library-initiated displays, curated and developed by Library staff
- Community-contributed displays, created by local individuals or groups and reviewed for alignment with this policy

Acceptance of a display topic or material does not imply endorsement by the Library of the viewpoints expressed.

Principles and Criteria for Display Development

The Library Director holds final authority over the approval and presentation of displays. Staff are responsible for day-to-day curation and setup.

Displays are selected based on the following criteria:

- Relevance to community needs and interests
- Connection to historical, educational, cultural, or literary themes
- Alignment with Library programs or events
- Relation to Library collections or seasonal topics
- Availability of space and scheduling considerations

The Library may collaborate with community groups or organizations to co-create displays that serve public educational or cultural goals.

Intellectual Freedom and Censorship

The Library affirms the right of individuals to freely access information and supports intellectual freedom in accordance with the American Library Association's:

- Library Bill of Rights
- Freedom to Read Statement
- Freedom to View Statement

Materials will not be excluded from displays solely because of potential objections or controversy. Selection is based on content value, not approval or disapproval.

Parental or guardian supervision is encouraged for children; the Library does not restrict access to displays based on age.

Requests for Display Reconsideration

Windsor Locks Public Library, Inc. has a formal process for reviewing concerns about display content.

- Only individual residents and taxpayers of Windsor Locks may submit requests to reconsider a Library display.
- Requests must follow the Library's Statement of Concern Policy and be submitted using the Reconsideration Request Form, available on the Library's website.

All reconsideration requests will be reviewed by Library administration according to this policy and relevant law.

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