

# Poplar Bluff Municipal Library Display and Exhibit Policy

Library displays and exhibits are planned, organized, and/or implemented by library staff. The purpose of Library displays and exhibits is:

- Highlighting newly acquired items;
- Informing patrons of the variety of subjects, genres, and formats included in the collections;
- Fostering engagement with, or providing information about, Library resources, services, and events.

Library staff use the following criteria in making decisions about display and exhibit topics, materials, and accompanying resources:

- Expressed interests and/or needs of area residents,
- Availability of display space,
- Historical or educational significance,
- Connection to other community or national programs, exhibitions, or events,
- Relation to library collections, resources, exhibits, and programs.

In addition, the Library draws upon other community resources in developing displays and exhibits, and may partner with other community agencies, organizations, educational institutions, or individuals to develop and present displays and exhibits. Displays and exhibits not sponsored or created by the Library may remain for sixty days or less. This is to keep displays current, of interest to the public, and fresh.

Each display will have an age designation and include materials classified for one of the following groups: children (0-12), teens (13-17), adults (18+), or all ages. Only materials classified for children are to be displayed in the children's area of the Library. Only materials classified for teens are to be displayed in the teen area of the Library. Any library cardholder or resident of the Library's service district may formally request the reconsideration of age designations through the reconsideration process.

The Library strives to include a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints in Library initiated displays and exhibits, as well as offer displays and exhibits that appeal to a range of ages, interests, and information needs. Library-initiated displays and exhibits should not exclude topics, books, media, and other resources solely because they may be considered to be controversial. Acceptance of a display or exhibit topic by the Library does not constitute an endorsement by Poplar Bluff Municipal Library District of the content of the display or exhibit, or of the views expressed in materials on display.

The Library reserves the right to approve the content and arrangement of all displays and exhibits. The Library reserves the right to limit the size, number of items, schedule, and the frequency with which an individual or group may have a display or exhibit. Exhibits must not disrupt regular Library service and operations.

***Non-Discrimination Statement***

*Poplar Bluff Municipal Library District is an equal employment opportunity employer. It also complies with all federal, state and local laws protecting job applicants, employees, volunteers, presenters, and library users by prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity, sexual orientation, and pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older), disability, or genetic information.*

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