Woodbury Public Library

Library Display Policy

Purpose

The Woodbury Public Library recognizes the importance of displays and programs as a resource for voluntary inquiry, and the dissemination of information and ideas, and to promote free expression and free access to ideas by residents. The Library believes that library displays should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all residents. Displays may include themed book displays and/or informational displays, and exhibits. Library displays should represent a wide range of varied and diverging viewpoints.

Principles and Criteria

Library staff plan and implement book displays to support the Library's mission and to meet the various informational, educational, cultural, recreational, and historical needs of the community. All book displays are decided upon and supervised by librarians who are professionally trained to curate and develop displays and programs, including the Head Children's Librarian, the Reference and Technology Librarian, and the Teen and Adult Programming Librarian, and approved by the Library Director.

Some displays are created by members of the public or community, and usually entail Library staff working in conjunction with local artists, schools, community organizations, or individuals, i.e. artwork, poster contests, dioramas, etc.

Library displays provide access to content that is relevant to the research, independent interests, and educational needs of residents. In addition, displays are based on the following criteria:

- Needs and interests of the community
- Informational, educational, cultural, recreational, historical significance/value
- To promote/create awareness of the Library's programs, collections, or resources
- Connection to other community or national programs, exhibits, or events
- Availability of display space

Intellectual Freedom and Censorship

The Library adheres to the principles of intellectual freedom as outlined in the First Amendment of the Constitution, and adopted by the American Library Association as expressed in its Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read, and Freedom to View statements. Therefore, the Library makes every effort to provide the community with materials, programs, and displays that reflect a wide range of viewpoints, opinions, and interests.

The Library includes a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints in library initiated displays to appeal to people of all ages and backgrounds.

All library materials are evaluated and made accessible in accordance with the protections against discrimination as set forth in CGA-Section 46a-64 of the general statutes.

Process for the Questioning of Library Displays by Patrons

The Library only accepts a Resident's Request for Reconsideration Form from individual residents of Woodbury who want to question an item, program, or book display. Residents wanting to ask for a reconsideration should refer to the Library's Material Review and Reconsideration Policy for further information.

Location

This policy is available in the Library and is housed on the Woodbury Public Library Website: https://woodburylibraryct.org/policies

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