

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAY POLICY

Purpose: As an educational and cultural institution and as part of its public service, the Columbia County Rural Library District welcomes exhibits and displays of interest, information, and enlightenment to the community.

Policy:

The Columbia County Rural Library District provides information to the community through displays, handouts, announcements, and exhibits in designated areas.

1. Priority and Approval
 - The County Library District retains priority rights to all exhibit and display space for library purposes.
 - Approval for all exhibits and displays rests with the Library Director or appointed designee(s).
 - Unapproved materials will be disposed of at the Library's discretion.

2. Eligibility and Space Availability
 - Materials may be provided by the Library or other nonprofit organizations, community groups, individuals, or governmental agencies.
 - Exhibit and display space is available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting this service.
 - The exhibiting organization or individual is responsible for mounting and removing the display at a time and in a manner specified with CCLRD staff.

3. Limitations
 - The County Library District reserves the right to limit the size and number of items, the schedule of any display, and the frequency with which groups or organizations may display materials.
 - The Library District retains the right to deny space to any user whose use or planned use of the space does not comply with this policy.

4. Endorsement
 - Distribution or posting of materials by the County Library District does not constitute library endorsement of the beliefs or viewpoints that may be advocated by the displays, or by the persons or organizations responsible for the displays; displays may not be presented or publicized in such a way as to suggest such endorsement.

5. Fees
 - All exhibits and displays are offered to the Library on a voluntary, non-fee basis.

6. Security and Liability
 - The County Library District assumes no liability for injuries, loss, damage, destruction, or theft to personal property that occur as a result of mounting such displays on library property.

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7. Sponsorship Line
 - A sponsorship line, i.e., a sign stating the sponsorship of the display, may be included; however, values of displayed items will not be included.
8. Petitioning
 - The County Library District allows petitioning, distribution of literature or leaflets, canvassing or similar types of appeals by members of the public outside the library. This activity must not interfere with or egress into or out of the library or library grounds.
9. Sales
 - The County Library District does not allow soliciting or the sale of goods or service by members of the public in the library building or on library grounds. The only merchandising activities permitted are Library or Friends of the Library sponsored sales or activities.
10. Denial of Displays:
 - Displays may not contain any of the following: explosives, biologically or chemically hazardous material, apparatus which produces noise while on display, perishables, items illegal to possess, speech that is not constitutionally protected, or materials whose display may violate election laws. The Columbia County Rural Library District Director may prohibit other items deemed to present an immediate, demonstrated threat to the public.
 - Display cases may not be used for commercial purposes; items on display shall not be marked so as to indicate that they are for sale.

HISTORY

Adopted March 13, 2008