

Cultural Arts Exhibits

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Policy Statement

Citizens in a democracy need informational and educational resources to make vital decisions about their lives. Salt Lake County Library Services (The County Library) strives to make resources available to all segments of the community in the pursuit of this goal. Within the guidelines of the County Library's Collection Management Policy, resources such as exhibits and displays are acknowledged as an important sources of information, ideas, and inspiration which support the mission of the County Library.

As a responsible organization offering accessible services and resources that stimulate learning and exploration, the County Library endorses the Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association. The County Library also accepts the Association's Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights for Exhibit Spaces and Bulletin Board. These documents were developed to assert clearly the commitment of libraries to the rights of freedom of speech and expression under the United States Constitution.

Regulations

1.0 Legal Requirements

The County Library adheres to all federal, state, and local laws, including those pertaining to libel, copyright, and pornography.

- 1.1 Policies and guidelines will be applied equally to all who are invited to display items in County Libraries.
- 1.2 The County Library will exercise its right to impose reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of any use of its exhibit facilities.

2.0 Exhibit and Display Space

- 2.1 The County Library offers exhibit space in libraries to members of the public. Available space varies by location.
- 2.2 The County Library does not necessarily endorse the views represented in any exhibit displayed on County Library property.

3.0 Application and Selection

- 3.1 Staff at each library or the Exhibits Workgroup will review applications or proposals to exhibit and make selections according to the guidelines in this document.
- 3.2 Interested exhibitors will submit proposals to the library manager, the manager's designee, or the Exhibits Workgroup.
 - 3.2.1 Proposals for system-wide exhibits will be submitted to the Exhibits Workgroup via online application to be found here: <https://www.slcolibrary.org/information/forms/application-exhibitor>
- 3.3 Library staff evaluating applications or proposals will consider exhibits applying some or all of the following standards:
 - 3.3.1 Artistic or cultural merit.
 - 3.3.2 Suitability of format to the library's physical limitations.
 - 3.3.3 Relation to books, materials, or services provided by the library system.
 - 3.3.4 Relevance of exhibit to the community as a whole.
 - 3.3.5 Effective use of the medium and its appropriateness to the content of the work.
 - 3.3.6 Insight into the human and social condition.
 - 3.3.7 Importance as a reflection of the times.

3.3.8 Reputation and/or significance of the artist or exhibitors, as documented by professionals and the public.

3.3.9 Representation of a movement, genre, trend, or ethnic heritage.

3.3.10 Particular relevance of work or artist to a given library location or service area.

3.3.11 Compliance with all federal, state and local laws, including those pertaining to libel, copyright, and pornography.

3.4 In determining which works to exhibit, library staff shall not discriminate on the basis of the content of the work, except as expressly provided in paragraphs 3.3.1 through 3.3.11 of Section 3 Application and Selection.

3.5 If library staff needs assistance in evaluating a particular work they shall seek advice from Library Administration who may refer it to the Library Board of Directors or seek advice from legal counsel.

4.0 Exhibitors' Responsibilities

4.1 Exhibitors will supply an exhibit which is consistent in form, quality, and content with that which was selected for display.

4.2 Exhibitors will complete and sign an Exhibition Agreement which must be received by the library prior to the installation of the exhibit. Exhibitors will be responsible to comply with all aspects of the Exhibition Agreement and this policy.

4.3 The exhibit may identify the artist/exhibitor but may not include sales or pricing information.

4.4 Exhibitors assume all responsibility for loss or damage.

4.4.1 Exhibitors shall be responsible for insuring the works against damage, destruction, or theft.

4.4.2 Exhibitors understand and agree The County Library and Salt Lake County shall have no liability for the exhibitor's property.

4.4.3 Exhibitors fully understand that none of the property of the exhibitor will be covered by any fire or theft insurance procured by Salt Lake County.

5.0 Complaints

5.1 Complaints about the content of exhibits go to the library manager.

6.0 Appeal Process

6.1 A staff decision concerning an exhibit may be appealed to the Library Director and is subject to review by the Library Board of Directors.



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