

Display Policy

Purpose

This policy is formulated to provide guidelines for the use of display and exhibit areas in order to assure that the use of said areas is provided on an equitable basis to all individuals and groups that request it. Library displays are provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all residents.

Policy

The Killingworth Library Association recognizes the importance of displays as resources for voluntary inquiry and the dissemination of information and ideas and to promote free expression and free access to ideas by residents. With a strong focus on encouraging the love of reading, lifelong learning, and creativity, we establish responsive connections between the diverse needs of our community, our collections, our digital services, and an array of engaging programming. A key aspect of our approach is the creation of thoughtfully curated displays, which play an essential role in informing and inspiring individuals of all ages and diverse backgrounds. Displays are provided for the interest, information and enlightenment of all residents, represent a wide range of varied and diverging viewpoints, and provide access to content that is relevant to the research, independent interests and educational needs of residents.

Principles and Criteria

The final responsibility for the display of library materials is held by the Library Director, but day-to-day responsibility is shared by library employees throughout the library that are professionally trained to curate and develop displays.

Bulletin Boards

The community bulletin board located outside the children's room is available for public use. The library endeavors to provide the public with as much bulletin board space as possible on a first come-first served basis, subject to the following conditions:

- Requests for display space must be made to library staff.
- Priority will be given in the following order:
 1. Library use
 2. Announcements of events sponsored by Killingworth non-profit agencies or groups
 3. Announcements of events in neighboring towns, sponsored by non-profit agencies, which are likely to attract Killingworth residents
 4. Announcements from Killingworth residents offering goods and services
 5. Announcements from other individuals offering goods and services

- Materials will be discarded as soon as they are outdated, after they have been displayed one month, or as space considerations mandate, in keeping with the above listed priorities.
- The display of an item does not constitute library endorsement.
- Petitions are not permitted except for library purposes.

Exhibits

The Killingworth Library encourages the use of its display case to allow creative persons and knowledgeable collectors the opportunity to share their talents with the general public and to aid the library in its objective of furthering the educational and cultural growth of its patrons.

All exhibit items are loaned to the library free of charge for a specified time period not to exceed one month and are subject to the following conditions:

- The library may exhibit items and materials of educational and cultural interest to the community in its display/exhibit area as long as they do not interfere with the daily conduct of library business and as long as it is made clear that the library does not necessarily endorse their contents or points of view.
- All materials submitted must be approved by the Library Director prior to their exhibition. The decision of the Library Director may be appealed to the Board of Directors of the library.
- Exhibits will be chosen based on space limitations.
- The exhibit will be set up jointly by the exhibitor and a member of the library staff at a mutually agreeable time.
- The library is not in any way involved in the sale of any exhibit item. No prices or price list is to appear with the exhibit. The exhibitor's name and address and/or telephone may be made available to patrons expressing interest.
- Public relations will be handled by the Library Director unless prior arrangement is made.

Outdoor Exhibits

Outdoor signs and exhibits, with the exception of those advertising library events, may not be placed on the library lawn.

Intellectual Freedom and Censorship

The choice of library materials by patrons is an individual matter. The library recognizes that some materials may be controversial or offensive to an individual, but maintains that individuals can apply their

values only to themselves. The selection of library materials is predicated on the patron's right of access to information and freedom from censorship. Selections will not be made on the basis of anticipated approval or disapproval, but on the merits of the material itself. Selection of materials will not be inhibited by the possibility that materials may inadvertently come into the possession of or be seen by minors. No one can exercise censorship to restrict access to library materials by others. It is the parents' or guardians' responsibility to determine which library materials are appropriate for their children. The Killingworth Library Association supports intellectual freedom and endorses the American Library Association (ALA) Freedom to Read Statement, Freedom to View Statement, the Library Bill of Rights and all relevant interpretations.

Procedures for Questioning of Library Displays by Patrons

The library limits consideration of requests to reconsider material, displays, or programs to residents of Killingworth. Please see our Material Review and Reconsideration Policy for more information.

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