Racine Public Library
Exhibit Space and Posting Policy

As part of the Library's mission to provide access to a wide range of information, the Racine Public Library will post notices of events and services of interest to the public. Racine Public Library will also provide space for exhibits that support the mission of the Library, by providing users with additional opportunities for information regarding educational, cultural, recreational, and human services programs and events in the community. The Library seeks to exhibit works and materials appropriate to a broad range of the Library's diverse patrons.

In compliance with the American Library Association, the Racine Public Library will not exclude materials or works based on their "origin, background or views of those contributing to their creation." Also, members of the Library staff will not remove materials because of their own political or religious beliefs. Finally, the Library will make its space available on an "equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use."

The Executive Director shall be responsible for developing and implementing procedures governing use of the exhibit and display spaces. These procedures shall be consistent with the principles outlined in this policy to ensure that activities will be carried out in a fair and orderly manner.

Exhibit Spaces
Through its exhibits, the Library shall endeavor to present a broad spectrum of opinions and a variety of viewpoints, given the space limitations of the Library. Exhibits are scheduled after approval by the Executive Director or their designee. Persons interested in providing an exhibit shall submit a descriptive request for consideration. The Library may also ask individuals or organizations if they wish to submit such a descriptive request. Preference may be given to Racine community members, governmental units, or community groups.

A. Permission to use any of the Library's exhibit spaces does not constitute the Library's endorsement of the beliefs or viewpoints represented in the exhibit.

B. The Library assumes no responsibility or liability for the preservation, protection, loss or damage to any part of a display at any time. All items brought to and placed in the Library are done so at the owner's risk.

C. Exhibit spaces may not be used for the following:

a. Promotion of specific religious, political, personal or family interests.
b. Promotion of a for-profit business or fundraising events.
c. Exhibits which oppose or support either a candidate for elective office or any issue appearing on a ballot.
d. Material which is obscene, defamatory, discriminatory, invades a particular person's privacy, or incite violence. Exhibits may not

promote or represent any activity or purpose that is in violation of local, state, federal ordinances or laws, including copyright and public performance laws.

Determination of the appropriateness of the display is solely the decision of the Executive Director or their designee.

D. The Library is not any way involved in the sale of items on exhibition. Prices for items may not be displayed at the Library nor included on any information handout provided to/by the Library. The artists may provide their name and contact information, either as part of the exhibit or as a separate handout, and handle patron requests for information on prices and sales directly. Any sales of exhibited materials must take place after the exhibit has ended.

Posting Spaces

The purpose of the public bulletin boards at the Racine Public Library is to make available information regarding educational, cultural, recreational, and human services programs and events in the community which are available/open to the public at large. The Library does not evaluate the beliefs or purposes of the sponsoring organizations, and posting information does not imply endorsement by the Library of any group, their ideas, or programs.

A. Due to space constraints, postings are limited to programs or events in Racine County, area colleges, or sponsored by the Lakeshores Library Systems, its member libraries, or by other libraries. Postings that fall outside of these parameters may be considered only at Library management's discretion.

B. Staff will mark the date of posting on materials which are posted. Postings may be retained until the day after the program/event, unless items to be posted exceed the available space. In that case, staff will remove the oldest items first, as necessary.

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