

Fort Dodge Public Library

Displays in the Library

Purpose

Fort Dodge Public Library values civic engagement and the free expression of ideas. In keeping with the Library's overall philosophy of providing access to a wide range of information, FDPL offers display/exhibit space to increase awareness of library resources and connect library visitors to the world of ideas.

Library displays/exhibits may:

- Call attention to a theme related to Library services, collections, or programs
- Highlight current issues, events, or other subjects of public interest
- Showcase original art, crafts, photographs, or writings created by local or other Iowa artists
- Make traveling exhibits from state or national organizations available to the public
- Showcase local organizations and agencies engaged in civic, educational, recreational, cultural, intellectual, or charitable activities
- Present interesting collections or hobbies of local residents

Policies

Displays/exhibits at the library may not be used for the following purposes:

- To promote a specific business or commercial endeavor
- To promote a specific religious concept
- To espouse partisan politics or promote political campaigns
- To demean groups or individuals

All displays must meet existing State and Federal laws on obscenity, libel, defamation of character, or invasion of privacy.

Any group/individual scheduling a display/exhibit in the Library must be identified as part of the display.

The group/individual scheduling a display will be responsible for all setup and teardown of their display. Displays must be removed on or before the designated date.

The Library reserves the right to refuse to schedule any group/individual for future displays for failure to comply with any library policies.

FDPL does not accept responsibility for ensuring that all points of view are represented in any display. Granting permission to display materials does not imply the Library's endorsement of content, nor does the Library accept responsibility for the accuracy of any statements made in a display/exhibit.

FDPL reserves the right to refuse display space to exhibits which, in its opinion, do not further the purpose outlined in this policy.

Fees and Liability

There is no charge for the use of the Library's display space and no fees may be charged to view displays/exhibits in the library.

The sale of anything other than items which promote the mission or goals of the Fort Dodge Public Library is prohibited. Library display space may not be used as a sales gallery.

FDPL assumes no responsibility for the theft, loss, damage, or destruction of displayed materials, exhibits, or loaned items.

Repair of any damage to Library property caused by the installation, removal, or presentation of a display/exhibit will be the sole responsibility of the sponsoring person/organization.

Scheduling

The scheduling of displays/exhibits for the Library, Friends of the Fort Dodge Public Library, Fort Dodge Public Library Foundation, and the City of Fort Dodge takes priority over scheduling for other groups/individuals. Groups and individuals within Webster County seeking to use the library's display/exhibit space will also take priority over outside groups.

Groups or individuals may reserve display space by contacting the library at least two (2) weeks in advance of their requested date. Displays/exhibits may not be scheduled more than one year in advance.

In order to encourage diversity of displays/exhibits, FDPL may limit individuals or groups to one display/exhibit per year.

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