

Art Gallery Guidelines

We believe that creativity, like information, should be accessible to everyone in a community. The Main Library is a community gathering place which makes it an ideal public venue for displaying art. Showing art work in the Library is an opportunity to connect with a diverse array of people from early childhood to retired adults. The Curt Bessette Art Gallery supports both pillars of the Library's Strategic Plan—Customer Experience and Lifelong Learning. Displaying art in the library enhances the environment for library customers, allows us to educate our community about various art forms, and gives us the opportunity to promote local and regional art and artists.

1. Display space is available for exhibits of interest to the general public. Exhibits may be provided by the library staff, groups or organizations, or individuals. Arrangements for exhibits should be made in advance with the library staff.
2. All wall display areas in the Art Gallery receive only visual security by staff. The Library shall not accept any liability for items that are exhibited. Lenders are encouraged to contact their insurance regarding items to be exhibited.
3. The Library reserves the right to review all materials to be displayed in advance. The Library reserves the right to make final decisions on the content and scheduling of all gallery Exhibits.
4. The Library does not charge for the use of display and exhibition space.
5. The Library does not endorse content nor imply agreement or disagreement with the beliefs of viewpoints expressed in the exhibits and displays.
6. The Library shall not accept responsibility for ensuring that all points of view are represented in any single display.
7. No display or exhibit space may be used for commercial purposes. Prices may be displayed with items for sale with contact information. The Library shall not be responsible for any transactions.
8. Exhibits and displays should be appropriate in scale, material, form and content for the Library environment. The Library discourages materials containing images that include significant elements of sexually explicit imagery, graphic depictions of violence, racism, and any other materials that are deemed harassing or offensive in nature and reserves the right to refuse any material that the Library deems inappropriate for Library customers.
9. No proselytizing religious material or partisan political recruitment materials shall be permitted.
10. Press releases and other promotional materials regarding the exhibit shall not imply endorsement by the Library of the viewpoints put forth in the exhibit and shall not display the Library logo.
11. Publicity shall be approved by the Library prior to distribution.
12. The Library shall have the right to terminate the display of any exhibit without notice to the Lender.