

Hooksett Library Display Policy

The Hooksett Library provides displays of various types in strategic locations throughout the Library to highlight collections, make materials more accessible, and inform the public. The Library embraces opportunities to celebrate art, culture, diversity and inclusion which are often and ideally showcased in display materials.

Selection of Displays

Library displays are planned, organized, curated, and/or implemented by Library staff using the following criteria:

- Community needs and interest
- Availability of display space and resources
- Historical or educational significance
- Relevance to other community or national programs, exhibitions, or events
- Relation to library collections, resources, exhibits, and programs

The Library may partner with other Town departments, libraries, community agencies, organizations, educational institutions, or individuals to develop and create co-sponsored displays and exhibits.

The Library is dedicated to the free and open dissemination of ideas and the principles of intellectual freedom as set forth in the <u>American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights.</u> The Library strives to include a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints in Library-initiated displays and exhibits, as well as offer displays and exhibits that appeal to a range of ages, interests, and information needs. Library-initiated displays will not exclude topics, books, media, and other resources solely because they may be considered to be controversial.

Acceptance of a display or exhibit topic by the Library does not constitute an endorsement by the Hooksett Library of the content of the display or exhibit, or of the views expressed in materials on display.

Responsibility

Using the selection criteria stated above, Library staff develop, curate and implement Library displays. The Library accepts suggestions for display topics, but topics and materials selection are arranged by Library staff and are at the sole discretion of the Library Director.

Bulletin Board Displays

Within the Library and Library campus, only Library, Town of Hooksett-related signs and Friends of the Hooksett Library posters or notices will be posted. In the back entrance of the Library, there is community space provided for posting non-profit activities and events of interest to the community. Please see the <u>Hooksett Library Exhibits</u>, <u>Bulletin Board Displays and Distribution of Free Material Policy</u>.

Art Exhibits in the Library

The Hooksett Library is pleased to provide a gallery of the work of the Library Art Group & Ash Street Photography members, both groups are sponsored by the Hooksett Library. Final approval for inclusion of each piece resides with the Library Director.

Objections to Library Displays

Requests for reconsideration of a library display or item within a library display shall be considered through the submission of a request for reconsideration form through the <u>Hooksett Library Request</u> <u>for Reconsideration of Library Resources Policy</u>. Only requests from residents of the town of Hooksett who are library cardholders will be reviewed and considered.