

EXHIBITS POLICY

1. The selection of art work, collections or other items for display in the Library shall be primarily the responsibility of designated Library staff or volunteers. Emphasis will be placed on interesting and attractive display materials which are owned by local collectors, the work of local artists, or exceptional works by students in area schools.
2. The art work or other materials shall be consistent with the mission of the Staunton Public Library to provide access to intellectual, educational, cultural, and recreational resources.
3. Materials which are deemed by staff to be unsuitable for display in the presence of minors are prohibited. The Library reserves the right to reject any part of an exhibit or to change the manner of display.
4. Items shall not be displayed as "for sale" unless special arrangements have been made. No sales transactions may take place in the Library.
5. The owner or artist shall be responsible for the removal of items at the end of the designated display period unless other arrangements have been made with designated Library staff or volunteers.
6. Materials or art work with religious themes or associations shall be chosen for their educational and aesthetic merit with sensitivity to discrimination. Such materials may not violate the principle of separation of church and state.
7. Antiquities or artifacts on display must have been acquired in a lawful manner with the permission of the landowner or the written permission of the Department of Historic Resources if collected on public lands.
8. City insurance policies do not cover the replacement or repair of loaned items. Therefore, collections or art work are displayed or stored at the Library at the owner's risk. Every effort will be made to carefully and responsibly handle, protect and store collections loaned to the Library, but the risks shall remain with the owner. A signed Display Materials Release form must be on file with the Library prior to mounting of any exhibit.

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