

# Display Policy

Fond du Lac Public Library

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The following policy is meant to guide library staff and to inform the public about the principles upon which display themes and materials are chosen.

Library display shelves and display cases are only for Fond du Lac Public Library displays. Public bulletin boards and flyer shelves are available for the public in accordance with our Community Materials Display Policy.

Library displays are used to highlight new materials, educate the public about the variety of subjects, genres, and formats offered, recognize a celebrated time period, or to stimulate interest in the library collections, services, and resources.

As the Library endeavors to present a broad spectrum of ideas and variety of viewpoints, placement of materials on displays does not necessarily imply the Library's endorsement of ideas, opinions, or viewpoints expressed therein.

Library-initiated displays should not exclude topics, books, media, and other resources solely because they may be considered controversial.

In addition, the Library may draw upon other community resources in developing displays and exhibits, and may partner with other community agencies, organizations, educational institutions, or individuals to develop and present co-sponsored displays and exhibits.

The following criteria and guidelines will be considered when creating a display:

- Format, location, style, and intended audience
- Items are appropriate to seasonal events, holidays, heritage months, etc
- Topical displays should represent the wide variety of viewpoints offered in the collections
- Items may have a relation to current events
- Items may have historical or regional relevance
- Items may have a relation to events in the community, library events, or to library programming
- Items may represent a certain genre, trend, or culture
- Items are of interest to patrons and the public

Day-to-day responsibility of all displays is shared by Library Staff and final approval lies with the Library Director.

Fond du Lac Public Library welcomes expressions of opinion from patrons concerning library displays and exhibits. Patrons who are concerned with the library display materials will be asked to follow the procedures concerning reconsideration of library materials as outlined in the [Reconsideration of Materials Policy](#).

## **[Related Policies](#)**

See also: Selection Policy