

## LIBRARY DISPLAY POLICY

The purpose of the Joshua Hyde Public Library's display locations is to increase public awareness of the Library's resources and to support its mission as an educational, informational, cultural and recreational center for the community it serves. Displays are organized by Library staff to further this mission.

For the purposes of this policy the term "display" includes wall exhibits, enclosed display cases, shelving units, free-standing exhibits, and installations on library grounds and the building itself. Exhibits/displays using these facilities shall promote one or more of these purposes: A) to promote JHPL services, collections or programs; B) to highlight current issues, events or other subjects of public interest; C) to display arts, crafts, photographs, writings, or collections when they promote or complement the mission of the JHPL. All displays reflect the Library's Collection Development Policy, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement, and the adoption of the ALA's Freedom to Read Statement.

The responsibility for approval of displays rests with the Library Director or appointed designee(s). Decisions will be based on availability of space and the relationship of the material to the mission of the Library. The Library may participate in cooperative or joint programs with other agencies, organizations, institutions, or individuals to facilitate information access to the community. Priority is given to the Library, followed by other Sturbridge Town departments, and non-profit organizations collaborating with the Library.

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