

Mattapoisett Free Public Library
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Art Exhibit Policy

The library's exhibit space(s), when available, may be used by individuals and organizations to display materials of a cultural and artistic nature.

In accordance with the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights and its interpretation pertaining to exhibit spaces, the library neither endorses nor advocates the viewpoints of exhibits or exhibitors.

1. Art exhibits may be displayed at the discretion of the exhibit committee for a period not to exceed one month.
2. Exhibit space will be determined by the library director. Generally, it is limited to the upstairs reading rooms and easel space in areas where the use of easels will not interfere with library use.
3. The exhibitor is responsible for both setting up and removing the display. The library is not responsible for the loss or damage of any item on display, although reasonable safety and security precautions will be taken by the staff to secure the exhibitor's property in accordance with facility general procedures. Great care should be taken not to damage any library material, surface, art or artifact already in the building. Exhibitor is responsible for any damage to objects or surfaces. The Library reserves the right to move any exhibit content if necessary.
4. The library reserves the right to remove or refuse any material judged to be unsuitable.
5. The exhibitor agrees to refrain from commercial advertisement. Business cards of the exhibitor may be left in the library for patrons. Prices of items may be included in a list at the circulation desk but library staff will not be involved in sales. Purchasers must work directly with the artist. Items sold during the display period may not be removed before the end of the exhibit.
6. An individual or organization is limited to one exhibit per calendar year.
7. Art openings and receptions may be scheduled in accordance with the meeting room policy and at the discretion of the library director.
8. Promotion of library art exhibits may be done by both the artist and the library staff. The library staff is not responsible for promoting or providing for a library opening reception planned by the artist who is reserving the meeting room.

I have read and agree to the above. PLEASE KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR REFERENCE.

_____ Signature of Exhibitor

_____ Print name _____ Date

Adopted by the Library Board of Trustees November 16, 2023