

Highland City Library: Library Display Policy

The Highland City Library staff may provide temporary displays that highlight cultural and educational topics or promote the library's collection and services. The Library Display Policy provides guidelines for the creation and management of these displays. The policy is designed to support the library in its mission statement:

“The Highland City Library provides materials, programs, tools, and space that strengthen the community by informing, educating, and entertaining community members of all ages.”

It is written in accordance with the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights and Code of Ethics, and the Highland City Library Collection Development Policy.

I. Display Selection

The Library Director, or a designee, selects and approves display materials. Displays may

- a. highlight library materials and services;
- b. provide cultural or educational information;
- c. serve community needs and interests;
- d. entertain and enlighten;
- e. present perspectives on historical and current issues.

Displays may contain a variety of materials, including books, articles, posters, photographs, and multimedia resources. The Library will make efforts to ensure that displays are accessible and inclusive.

II. Subject Matter

Library staff seek to create displays that appeal to a diverse range of backgrounds, interests, and needs. The inclusion of an item in a library display is not to be considered an endorsement by the Library: the Library neither approves or disapproves the views expressed in materials displayed in the Library. The Library supports free communication and creative expression, even if some material is unpopular or unorthodox. Some patrons may find some materials offensive; however, no patron has the right to impede another's freedom to information. The Library seeks to protect the freedom to read for all of its patrons.

The library does not display pornography (as defined by the Utah State Code, Title 76-10-1203).

III. Reconsideration of Displayed Materials

If a library patron finds that a display violates these standards, she or he may submit a “Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials” from to the Library Director. The Library Director will review the concern and consult with relevant staff or board members as needed. A written response will be provided to the individual within 15 business days of receiving the form.

While a display is under review, it will not be removed or altered.

The individual who submitted the challenge may appeal the Director's decision to the Library Board within 15 business days of receiving the response. The Board will then review the matter at their next Board Meeting and issue a final decision.

Approved by the Highland City Library Board on March 23, 2023.