

Lafayette Public Library Display Policy

The purpose of this document is to guide Library staff and to inform the public about the principles upon which display themes and materials are chosen.

Library displays are planned, organized, and implemented by Library staff. A display is defined as a selection of items that are pulled from their usual location in the collection and placed on designated display furniture or shelves. The purpose of Library displays is to highlight new materials; educate the public about a variety of subjects, genres, and formats offered; and to stimulate interest in the Library collections, services, and resources.

It is the policy of the Lafayette Public Library System that displayed items must be in accordance with the overall policy regarding sexually explicit materials. Since displays are designed by their very nature to highlight items, displayed items shall not contain sexually explicit material nor material that includes topics relating to human sexuality either on the outside cover of the book or located inside the book being displayed.

The following criteria will be considered when making decisions about display topics, materials, and accompanying resources:

- Format and style are suitable for intended audience (e.g. adult materials will not be included in displays in the children's area).
- Relation to Library events and programming.
- Representation of genre or trend.
- Interests of patrons and the public.
- In addition, the library draws 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 guidelines will be followed when planning, organizing, and implementing displays:

- Themes and materials selected should represent a wide variety of interests and viewpoints.
- Heritage and Identity Months/Observances as well as federally recognized holidays should not be the sole focus or title of a display.
- When possible, staff should fill displays with materials that are inclusive and diverse with representation of different genders, races, orientations, etc.
- Materials should be in good condition.
- Displays should not promote a specific religion or political party.

Approval of displays:

- The branch or department manager is responsible for ensuring staff are following these guidelines.
- Patrons who request the reconsideration of library display materials will be asked to follow the procedures concerning reconsideration of library materials as outlined in the Lafayette Public Library's Collection Development Policy.

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