

East Granby Public Library

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Library Display Policy

Purpose

The East Granby Public Library's Display Policy provides a basis for the display of library materials by library staff, informs the public about the principles and criteria upon which these decisions are made, and promotes the purposes of the library's mission, which is:

"The East Granby Public Library is a friendly, welcoming, gathering spot that offers materials, services, programs, and cultural events to meet the personal, professional, educational, social, and civic needs of the community."

Policy

The East Granby Public Library recognizes the importance of displays as resources for voluntary inquiry and the dissemination of information and ideas and to promote free expression and free access to ideas by residents. With a strong focus on encouraging the love of reading, lifelong learning, and creativity, we establish responsive connections between the diverse needs of our community, our vast collections, our digital services, and an array of engaging programming. A key aspect of our approach is the creation of thoughtfully curated displays, which play an essential role in informing and inspiring individuals of all ages and diverse backgrounds. These displays serve as a tangible expression of our dedication to the community and exemplify our belief that a vibrant library contributes to a strong community. Displays are provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all residents, represent a wide range of varied and diverging viewpoints, and provide access to content that is relevant to the research, independent interests, and educational needs of residents.

Principles and Criteria

The final responsibility for the display of library materials is held by the Library Director, but day-to-day responsibility is shared by library employees through the library that are professionally trained to curate and develop displays. Library staff uses the following criteria in making decisions about display topics, materials, and accompanying resources:

- Community needs and interest
- Availability of display space
- Historical, cultural, or educational significance
- Connection to other community or national programs, exhibitions, or events
- Relation to library collections, resources, exhibits, and programs
- The Library may partner with other community agencies, organizations, educational institutions, or individuals to develop and present co-sponsored displays and exhibits.

The Library will strive to include a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints in library-initiated displays and exhibits, as well as offer displays and exhibits that appeal to a range of ages, interests, and information needs. Library-initiated displays and exhibits should not exclude topics, books, media, and other resources solely because they may be considered to be controversial.

The Library provides displays created or curated by Librarians or staff members of the public library as well as allowing displays created by members of the public or community groups to be exhibited in the public library. Acceptance of a display or exhibit topic by the Library does not constitute an endorsement by the East Granby Public Library of the content of the display or exhibit, or of the view expressed in the materials on display.

All library materials are evaluated and made accessible in accordance with the protections against discrimination set forth in section 46a-64 of the general statutes.

Intellectual Freedom and Censorship

The library recognizes not all users will greet all materials with the same degree of enthusiasm and regard. Therefore, some materials selected for the collections may seem controversial and even distasteful to some library users. It is the right of the individual not to read, view, or hear materials that the individual considers objectionable. It is never the right of any library user or users to deny access to library materials to others. The freedom to choose from a broad range of informational and artistic materials will not be abridged. The [Library Bill of Rights](#), the [Freedom to Read Statement](#), the [Freedom to View Statement](#), and the [Free Access to Libraries for Minors Statement](#) have been endorsed by the East Granby Library Association Board of Directors and are integral to this policy.

The Library recognizes parents and legal guardians as the parties responsible for the reading and viewing habits of their children. The selection of materials for the adult collection is not impacted by the possibility that children may obtain materials their parents or guardians consider inappropriate.

Procedures for the Questioning of Library Displays by Patrons

The Library limits consideration of requests to reconsider material, displays, or programs to individuals who reside in East Granby, Connecticut. Please see our Request for Reconsideration Policy and Request for Reconsideration Form for further information on this process.

Location

The policy is house on the East Granby Public Library's website.

<https://www.egpl.org/policies>

A physical copy is also maintained in the Library Director's office.

This policy is in accordance with Public Act 25-168 Sec. 322, 323.