

VALLEY COTTAGE LIBRARY

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Exhibits Policy

The Valley Cottage Library provides exhibit space in multiple venues throughout the library in support of our mission to fulfill cultural, informational, artistic and recreational needs for our community.

In agreement with the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights and in agreement with the Library's Material Selection Policy, Valley Cottage Library believes that a librarian and library trustees do not, and need not, endorse every idea or approve of every manner of expression in the art exhibits. Nor does it believe that any political or governmental body is qualified to determine what one person should or should not view. It would be contrary to the public interest for library officials to establish their own political, aesthetic or moral views as the sole standard for determining artwork or other materials included in exhibits. Likewise, it would be contrary to the public interest for the Library to bow to pressure from individuals or organizations that would become arbiters of the morals or political opinion of others.

All artwork and artists considered for inclusion in the exhibit space are subject to the criteria listed below:

- Current and anticipated needs and interest of the public
- Professional presentation of work and artistic value
- The ability of the library to display the work due to format, size constraints, or safety
- Professional or artistic reputation of the artist(s)
- Connection to other community programs, exhibits or events
- Artist's agreement and support of the Art Exhibit Agreement

The Library will not include in any exhibits or displays artwork which it determines to be obscene, pornographic, or potentially harmful to children; or materials containing content that could be considered discriminatory or harassing based on a group or individual's protected class (race, color, religious creed, sex/gender, pregnancy, marital status, age, national origin/ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, military or veteran status, or status in any other group protected by federal, state, or local law.

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