

EASTTOWN LIBRARY

POLICY AREA: PUBLIC RELATIONS

POLICY NAME: ART DISPLAYS POLICY

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ART DISPLAYS POLICY

The Easttown Library makes available wall space for display of artwork, and a display case for display of collections and artwork. Artwork should be suitable for viewing by people of all ages. Any artwork that is not appropriate for viewing by people of all ages and/or does any of the following shall not be permitted as part of or shall be removed from the exhibit:

- Is likely to or does materially or substantially interfere with library operations or otherwise violates library policies or regulations.
- Infringes upon another person's rights through plagiarism, copyright infringement, or unfair imitation of another person's program, idea, or copy.
- Contains slanderous, obscene, profane, vulgar, or offensive matters, either in theme or in treatment.
- Promotes, advocates, incites or urges the use of force, violence, or the violation of federal, state, or municipal law, or library policy or regulation.

Exhibit and display space are made available to community members and groups, but priority is given to displays that promote the Easttown Library and its events and services.

The Easttown Library welcomes exhibits in the display case, provided that they are of general interest and serve to inform or enrich the community. Sales cannot be made from the display case. Procedures and the form for the use of the display case are available at the Circulation Desk and on the library's website.

When the library hosts exhibits and the works are for sale, the library will receive a negotiated percentage of the sale price of each piece sold. During such exhibits, library staff will collect payment on behalf of the exhibitor(s), with all monies held separately from library funds. Individuals and groups who are interested in displaying artwork in an exhibit at the Easttown Library should review the Guidelines for Art Exhibits, and submit the Art Exhibit Application, available at the Circulation Desk or on the library's website.

Permission to display materials does not signify endorsement or sponsorship by the Library of the individuals or organizations that furnish the exhibits or the items exhibited.

The artist releases and waives any claim against the library that may result from any loss, damage or theft of artwork and/or items on display, as a condition for the displaying in the library.

To the extent the library permits art exhibits for commercial gain on its property, the library is likely to be deemed to have established a limited public forum. The library may impose

restrictions on the type of speech expressed in this limited public forum without violating the First Amendment's Right of Free Speech, provided that such restrictions are viewpoint neutral (e.g., the restrictions are based on the general topic and content of the artwork for sale rather than on the speaker's particular viewpoint) and are reasonable in light of the purpose served by the forum (to avoid disruption, controversy, etc., in a public library context).