



Display Policy

Purpose

The purpose of the Wallingford Public Library (WPL) Display policy is to guide library staff in development of library displays. This policy hereby informs the public about the principals and practices upon which library staff makes displays.

Library 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 Wallingford residents. Furthermore, library displays are evaluated and made accessible in accordance with the protections against discrimination set forth in section 46a-64 of the general statutes, including, but not limited to, discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, age, lawful source of income, intellectual disability, mental disability, physical disability, status as a veteran, or status as a victim of domestic violence.

Principles and Criteria

Librarians are professionally trained to curate and develop displays. Use of a public display or exhibit by an organization, community group, member of the public or individual is not a WPL display. Please refer to WPL's Exhibits Policy for more information.

Library displays are resources for voluntary inquiry, the dissemination of information and ideas, and to promote free expression and free access to ideas by patrons

All displays are intended to further the mission of the Library. Library displays may include, but are not limited to, displays that will address the following educational, recreational, and/or civic needs:

- To increase awareness/use of resources and foster an enduring connection to the Library.
- To provide educational, informational, and cultural experiences on a variety of topics.
- To champion the principle of intellectual freedom.
- To provide programs for various age groups, cultures, and interests.
- To meet popular demand, both existing and anticipated.

Intellectual Freedom and Censorship

WPL subscribes to the Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read and Freedom to View Statements, which have been approved by the American Library Association.

WPL welcomes expression of opinion by Wallingford residents, but will be governed by the Display and Library Material Review and Reconsideration Policies in making decisions about library materials, displays and/or programs. Patrons are encouraged to contact the Library Director directly when they have concerns about a program.

Please see WPL's Library Material Review and Reconsideration Policy and form for further information on this process. Reconsideration requests for library materials, displays and/or



programs are limited to “individuals with a vested interest” per Public Act 25-168 Sec.322 (3) as any individual residing in Wallingford at the time the reconsideration form is filed.