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## Library Display Policy

The East Greenbush Community Library's philosophy of open access to information and ideas extends to library displays. All displays are intended to further the mission of the library. This 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.

### Policy Guidelines

- The responsibility for the library displays is held by the Library Director, under the authority of the Library Board of Trustees. Library staff will use the following criteria in making decisions about library displays and accompanying resources:
  - Community needs and/or interest
  - Availability of space
  - Treatment of content for intended audience
  - Presentation quality
  - Budget
  - 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 draw upon other community resources in developing displays, and may partner with other community agencies, organizations, educational institutions, or individuals to develop and present co-sponsored displays.
- The Library will strive to include a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints in library-initiated displays, as well as offer displays that appeal to a range of ages, interests, and information needs.
- Library-initiated displays will not exclude topics, books, media, and other resources solely because they may be considered controversial.
- Views and opinions expressed in the content on display do not constitute an official endorsement by the Library.
- The Library does not accept responsibility for ensuring that all points of view are represented in any single display.
- Labels will be provided only as viewpoint-neutral directional aids to facilitate access by making it easier for users to locate materials. The materials are displayed openly and are equally accessible to all users.
- Materials shall not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- The American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read, and Freedom to View statements are endorsed by the Library.
- The Library welcomes expressions of opinion from patrons concerning library displays. If a patron questions a library display, they should first address the concern with a library staff member. Patrons who wish to continue their request for review of a library display may submit a Request for Reconsideration Form, which may be obtained at the Library or online at the Library website. A Request for Reconsideration will be considered according to the Request for Reconsideration Policy.