

Library-Initiated Display Policy

The Middle Country Public Library maintains several library-initiated displays that showcase the Library's various collections, highlight cultural, educational, and community interests and aim to further the Library's mission. Displays, both physical and virtual, provide opportunities for the community to learn about library collections, resources, and services and encourage lifelong learning, recreation, and entertainment.

Guidelines for Displays:

All displays are planned and implemented by the Library's professional staff. Library staff will use the following criteria in making decisions regarding to display topics, materials and accompanying resources:

- Community needs and interests
- Historical, cultural and educational significance
- Connection to other community or national programs, exhibits and events
- Relation to Library events and programs
- Availability of space

Items on display must be legally compliant with state and federal laws pertaining to protected classes of persons and individuals. The Library adheres to the principles of intellectual freedom, adopted by the American Library Association, as expressed in the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read and Freedom to View Statements.

Library-initiated displays should not exclude topics, books, media, realia and other resources solely because they may be considered controversial. The presence of an exhibit or display in the Library is not to constitute an endorsement by the Library of the content display, or the views expressed in the materials on display.

Library-initiated displays are not for commercial, religious, or partisan political purposes nor the solicitation of business.

Items on display are to be considered individually. A request for reevaluation of library display materials will be considered in the same manner as requests for reconsideration of materials by submitting a completed *Middle Country Public Library Request for Reconsideration of Material Form*.

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