

Display and Postings Policy & Guidelines

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It is the policy of the Petoskey District Library (PDL) to promote its collection and services, as well as supporting community events through displays of materials throughout the library. PDL uses standing announcement kiosks, display boards, and pamphlet racks for such promotion. The Library also draws upon other community resources in developing displays and exhibits, and may collaborate with other community agencies, organizations, educational institutions, or individuals to develop and present co-sponsored displays and exhibits.

Library and Friends of the Library programs, events, and services take priority over all other items. Posting information is open to all groups, regardless of religious or social ideology. However, if space is limited, priority will be given to not for profit or civic groups located within the library's legal service area. The library reserves the right to reschedule, move, or remove items to better fit their program needs.

- Businesses providing a community event may be posted for up to two weeks prior to the event. Any material that includes profanity, harassment, discrimination, or the disrespect of any person, group of people or organization is strictly prohibited.
- Individual or business literature may be displayed on the Library's lower level job postings board, including job offers or requests, or personal services.
- No postings or displays of a partisan political nature are allowed in the library.

The library does not endorse any materials distributed or posted by other organizations or businesses.

The library does not allow petitioning, solicitation, distribution of literature or leaflets, canvassing or similar types of appeals inside the library or on library grounds.

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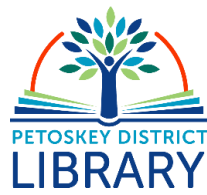
Specific Guidelines

Book Displays

Library displays are planned, organized, and/or implemented by Library staff. Library staff use the following criteria in making decisions about display topics, materials, and accompanying resources:

- Availability of display space
- Historical or educational significance
- Connection to other community or national programs, exhibitions, or events
- Relation to library collections, resources, exhibits, and programs
- Community needs and interest

The Library will strive to include a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints in Library-initiated displays and exhibits, as well as offer displays and exhibits that appeal to a range of ages, interests, and information needs. Library-initiated displays and exhibits should not exclude topics, books,



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media, and other resources solely because they may be considered to be controversial. Acceptance of a display or exhibit topic by the Library does not constitute an endorsement by the Petoskey District Library of the content of the display or exhibit, or of the views expressed in materials on display.

Bulletin Boards

The tackable surface is available for community information. Any person or organization wishing to display information must give the exact item to staff beforehand. Items will not be returned. The final approval or denial for the request rests with the library director. Any item(s) posted without prior approval will be immediately removed and discarded.

Date sensitive material will be posted no sooner than two weeks prior to the earliest date on the poster and removed on the last date applicable. Sensitive material that is not dated will be posted for no more than two weeks. Preferred poster size is 8 ½ x 14 inches or smaller and may not exceed 11 x 17 inches.

Pamphlets

The Petoskey District Library has limited space to provide groups an area to leave pamphlets and brochures. The library reserves the right to decide appropriate placement for such pamphlets and brochures.

Artists Display

The Petoskey District Library may display art work and collections of local artists within the library, at the discretion of the Library Director. The process for art displays will include:

- Artist agrees to transport and insure display.
- Artist may make art available for sale, but no prices may be posted on the art itself. A booklet or flyer may be made available with the display that includes pricing and contact information. Artist handles all monetary transactions.
- Contact information should be available in the display.
- Artist is welcome to host an exhibit reception during library hours, at the artist's expense. Library staff will include that information in press communications.
- The library assumes no responsibility for the preservation, protection, damage, or theft of items exhibited. All items placed in the library are done at the owner's risk.
- The director or designee will review and schedule artists, as well as submit news releases. Artist will be asked to submit brief biographical information to include in the news release.
- The library shall have the final decision on the number, content, arrangement, and duration of the exhibit. All exhibitors are required to sign a form which releases the library from any responsibility.
- Displays sponsored by the library or placed in conjunction with library programming will be scheduled to best meet the needs of the library, and regular scheduling will be waived.