

Tewksbury Public Library Policy

LIBRARY CREATED DISPLAYS

PURPOSE:

Tewksbury Public Library staff members create displays for public browsing throughout the library, and shared on library social media channels, to inform residents about the informational, cultural and recreational holdings of the library's collection and formats, all of which have been selected under the direction of the Trustee-approved Collection Development Policy. Library displays are an essential service to make residents aware of the variety of materials available at the library.

POLICY:

1. Standard library displays in all library departments include, but are not limited to:
 - a. New acquisitions in all formats;
 - b. Staff recommendations curated to reflect the interests and reading preferences of various staff members;
 - c. Topical or Subject based displays that relate to local, national and international events and/or cultural significance;
 - d. Genre based displays to bring attention to, and encourage borrowing of materials in a wide variety of form, style, and/or subject matter from library fiction collections.
2. Library displays are limited to the library space(s) available.
3. Library displays are an extension of the overall library collection.
 - a. Displays are located in areas which children, teens and adults would find materials that suit their developmental needs. Any person, regardless of age, can visit any collection in the library.
 - b. Parents are responsible for determining what their children see and check out; parents do not get to determine what other people's children see or check out as a result of any library display.
 - c. Similarly, adults are responsible for their own viewing and borrowing and do not get to decide what other adults can view or borrow as a result of any library display.
 - d. In line with the principles in the Collection Development Policy, item(s) will not be removed from display based on someone's objection.
4. Library displays call attention to materials that may not be familiar to library users. As such, the library intentionally includes authors or subjects that represent the diversity of people and ideas in our global society.
5. Displays in the library which may be considered frank or offensive to some are permitted as long as they adhere to this policy and contribute to the library's mission.
6. The library has a responsibility to protect the rights of all residents in their search for information and will strive to include a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints in library displays.
7. Library created displays do not constitute endorsement by the Town of Tewksbury, Board of Library Trustees or library staff members for the points of view of materials on display, nor does the absence of materials reflect non-support.

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