

SECTION NINE: DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

9.1 Library Sponsored Displays and Exhibits 3/2/01

The Appomattox Regional Library System will occasionally set up special displays or exhibits throughout the year to promote reading, literacy, education, and other efforts supported by the mission of the Library System.

9.2 Outside Agency Sponsored Displays and Exhibits 3/2/01

The use of library facilities for displays and exhibits by outside organizations is subject to review of Supervising Librarians and/or the Regional Library Director.

Material being considered for display or exhibit must be in one of the following categories:

- Material produced by, or in co-sponsorship with local, state, or federal government agencies.
- Public service information produced by an established community organization.
- Material about political issues where both sides will be presented.

Displays and exhibits must be placed and removed at the direction of a library staff member under the direction of the Regional Library Director.

The Appomattox Regional Library System assumes no responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged materials. Exhibitors shall indicate in writing that they have been advised of this policy, and that they agree to hold the Board of Trustees and staff of the Appomattox Regional Library System blameless from any claims for loss or damage to exhibits.

9.3 Individual Displays and Exhibits 3/2/01

The Appomattox Regional Library System may solicit or accept the display of an individual for such objects as art and collectibles. The Library system has the right to determine where, how, and for how long the items will be displayed.

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9.3 Art Display Policy and Guidelines 1/15/13

The Appomattox Regional Library is not an art gallery or a museum. The

Appomattox Regional Library System offers display space for the exhibition of artwork, crafts, and collections of unique, interesting or historically significant items to fulfill its mission to promote intellectual freedom, life-long learning, and cultural and leisure activities, and to increase public awareness of the Library's resources. All exhibits are free and open to the public.

9.3.1 **General Policy**

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The Library encourages exhibitions of painting, photography, sculpture, crafts, and more for civic, cultural, educational and recreational purposes. Exhibit space is made available on an equitable basis to individuals or groups with respect to artworks that best meet the standards for acceptance.

- All displays of original art (not including those produced or solicited by the Library) must be reviewed and accepted by the Board's Art Advisory Committee.
- Artwork displays will be scheduled for the period as determined by the Director.
- Library use of display areas takes precedence over any other use and the Library reserves the right, without notice, to cancel the use of the display area by exhibits if the Director determines that the display space is needed for Library purposes.
- Library-produced or solicited displays (including children's art work) will have priority over displays proposed by non-Library groups or individuals. In addition, preference is given to applicants from Hopewell, Dinwiddie, Prince George or the Town of McKenney.
- The Library reserves the right to refuse display space to exhibits that, in its opinion, do not further the mission and philosophy stated above.
- The Library does not accept responsibility for ensuring that all points of view are represented in any single display. Granting of permission to display materials does not imply Staff, Advisory Committee, or Board endorsement of content, nor will the Library accept responsibility for the accuracy of statements made in such materials.
- The Library assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage or destruction of items left for display.
- All displays will meet existing State and Federal laws on obscenity, libel, defamation of character or invasion of privacy.

- The name and contact information for the group or individual preparing the display must be a part of the display.
- All displays must adhere to established guidelines for mounting.
- The Library Board authorizes the library director to establish guidelines and procedures to facilitate the use of this policy including those for application for consideration, artist notification, mounting and display, and other necessary processes.

9.3.2 Art Advisory Committee

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The Board shall establish an Art Advisory Committee.

Duties

- To review periodically, proposals for displays of original art which have not been solicited by the Library, and to ensure that original art displayed in the Library is of high quality.
- To advise the Library Director on purchase or selection of permanent, original art as requested.

Composition and Terms

- The committee shall consist of one Library Board member (appointed by the Board Chairperson) and four members of the community who are knowledgeable in the field of art and who are appointed by the Board for staggered three-year terms. The library director will appoint one nonvoting staff member to serve as a liaison to the committee. Current Library staff members are not eligible for Board appointment to the Committee. Art Advisory Committee members may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

Meetings

The Committee will meet as needed to review and determine what artwork will be displayed.

9.3.3 Guidelines for Mounting Art Displays at ARLS

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- Artwork must have wire hangers or other applicable hanging fixtures which will work with the Library's hanging display system.
- Artists must supply their own easels or display stands for free standing art.
- All artwork is to be hung or set up, and taken down by the artist.
- Pieces to be hung should weigh no more than 15 lbs.
- Ladders or stools will be provided by the Library for use in hanging or removing pieces.
- No pricing information can be displayed in the Library.

Approved by the Board 1/15/2013

