

16 BULLETIN BOARD, DISPLAY AND EXHIBIT POLICY

16.1 BULLETIN BOARD ACCEPTABLE USES

Bulletin-board materials may be submitted for posting by nonprofit organizations for civic, educational, or cultural purposes. Such organizations may submit literature publicizing a specific event. Limited space generally allows only short-term notices. A library staff member must initial and approve all postings and may prohibit postings which do not meet library standards. Library staff will place and remove postings promptly. Political campaigning or signature gathering are not permitted. The library is not responsible for the theft of or condition of materials posted. Posting of a notice does not imply endorsement by the library staff, library board, or the City of Gladstone.

16.2 DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS POLICY

As part of its mission the Gladstone Public Library promotes the power of lifelong learning to our diverse community through quality resources and services. Those resources include displays and exhibits.

The library adheres to the "Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights: Exhibit Spaces and Bulletin Boards," adopted by the American Library Association Council in 1991. All exhibits considered for space within the library must support the mission of the library, must not cause disruption of the regular flow of library work and service, and must provide educational, cultural or civic content. Library initiated exhibits and displays have priority. Non-library organizations may request exhibit space following the library's display guidelines.

Exhibits and displays are for a period of one month. They are not to be used for commercial purposes, solicitation, fundraising, political recruitment, or religious proselytizing. Educational exhibits or displays on the aforementioned subjects may be allowed. Determination of educational exhibits will be made by library staff. All exhibits will be considered using the following criteria:

- Suitability of subject
- Quality of presentation
- Local interest
- Space requirements
- Timeliness

The library reserves the right to remove or refuse any material judged unsuitable or to rescind an exhibit/display for violation of policy.

Because individuals of all ages will view exhibits, materials must visually meet a standard acceptable to the community. However, the library does not guarantee that exhibits will be suitable for all children. Parents are encouraged to view displays and exhibits with their children.