

Exhibit Policy

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PURPOSE STATEMENT:

Oakville Public Library (OPL) provides exhibition space in its facilities to individuals or groups wishing to temporarily display artwork. These spaces allow the library to share the creative life of the community and foster a dialogue with the public at large.

The purpose of the policy is to establish the conditions governing the temporary display of artwork.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to individuals, groups or organizations that wish to exhibit their/its artistic works at any facility operated by OPL.

POLICY STATEMENT:

OPL respects the principles of intellectual freedom and freedom of expression as outlined by the Canadian Federation of Library Associations in the Statement on Intellectual Freedom and Libraries.

OPL is committed to working collaboratively with the artist or arts organization to maintain professionalism and the integrity of their exhibition. The allocation of space and length of exhibition will vary depending on the location. Local individuals, groups or organizations will be given preference.

To be considered for display in any facility operated by OPL, a proposed exhibit must:

- Align with the library's business and community goals, as defined by the Strategic Plan;
- Reflect and respect the diverse interests of the community and foster community and individual expression;

- Respect the tenants of freedom of expression and human dignity;
- Not infringe on any member of the public's right to feel safe and respected in the space;
- Comply with all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws, by-laws, library or Town of Oakville policies and regulations;
- Not be primarily intended as advertising or soliciting for business, political, campaigning or fundraising.

Exhibited artworks may be available for sale and sales are coordinated through the artist or exhibiting community group.

Approval:

A new application must be submitted for each exhibition. Previous approvals do not grant the applicant automatic approval for subsequent exhibitions.

Appeal:

OPL retains the right to deny requests for exhibition space or change, cancel, or remove the exhibit, in part or in whole, for any reason. Applicants who are denied permission to exhibit may, upon request, appeal to have the decision reviewed by the CEO, whose decision is final.

Members of the public who object to any portion of an exhibit are required to contact OPL in writing, clearly outlining their objections. Decisions will be communicated in writing following a review.

Related documents:

Statement on Intellectual Freedom and Libraries - Canadian Federation of Library Associations