

REPORT

Oakville Public Library Board

Meeting Date: April 17, 2025

FROM: Oakville Public Library

DATE: April 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Exhibit Policy – April 17, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Exhibit Policy be received for feedback.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- Exhibit Policy (Appendix A) has been updated from the previous version approved in July 2019 (Appendix B).
- Revisions ensure alignment with related OPL policies, services, and operations.
- More information was added to clarify decision-making and organizational approach to art exhibit areas, selection criteria, approval process, requests to review decisions, requests to reconsider exhibits, and requests to appeal decisions.

BACKGROUND:

All policies are regularly reviewed to ensure that they reflect the values, intentions, and practices of the Oakville Public Library.

The Exhibit Policy was last approved by the OPL Board on July 25, 2019.

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

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

The Exhibit Policy has been updated for improved alignment with OPL policies, including the Intellectual Freedom Policy and Inclusion Policy, noting where specific exclusions apply in accordance with other OPL services or policies.

Revisions to the policy provide more information about OPL's offering of art exhibit areas, selection criteria, and approval process.

More information has been provided regarding the process to have decisions reviewed, to submit requests for reconsideration of exhibits, and to appeal any review decision through written request to the CEO.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – OP-003 Exhibit Policy (2025)

Appendix B – OP-003 Exhibit Policy (2019)

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