

## Displays

The Westhampton Free Library welcomes displays of art, crafts, and other items of general interest to the community.

The Library will provide space for library district residents and local organizations for such displays when possible.

The Library reserves the right to determine what displays will be solicited and accepted.

Such displays are to be arranged through the Director or the Director's designee.

The use of the library spaces conforms to the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights*, which states:

- 1) "Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation." (Article I)
- 2) "Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval." (Article II)
- 3) "Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use." (Article VI)

The exhibitor will release the Library from any liability for items on display that are lost, stolen or damaged in any way, even through negligence.

Display spaces are available as a service for the public and are not necessarily reflective of the library's viewpoint.

Display spaces are "open to organizations engaged in educational, cultural, intellectual, or charitable activities"

( Source:

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/exhibitsdisplaysbulletinboards>)

Those who object to the content displayed may file a request for reconsideration, similar to challenging any library resource. Library staff or Library Trustees will not censor or remove materials from exhibits, displays, or areas designated for the distribution of information because someone may disagree with the content or with the identity, beliefs, or affiliations of the sponsors.

The Director or their designee will be the final arbiter regarding what may be displayed in the Library, where and how it will be displayed, and for what length of time.

Exhibitor's Agreement and Release

Print Name of Exhibit/Display:

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Dates of Exhibit: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Removal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of permitting the attached cited property to be exhibited at The Westhampton Free Library, I hereby agree that neither The Westhampton Free Library nor its Trustees, agents or employees shall be liable for: (1) any theft or damage, by whomever or however caused of, or such failure to properly exhibit, store, move, or remove said property; or (2) any injury which I or others may sustain to any degree attributable to, or in any way manner relative to, the exhibition. I warrant and represent that I am the legal owner of all right, title and interest in all items submitted and that the exhibition of my property is not prohibited or restricted in any way., and I understand that the title to said property shall not be transferred before its removal from The Westhampton Free Library. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless The Westhampton Free Library, its Trustees, agents, and employees concerning any claim or action against any of them because of related to my property and/or its exhibition. By signing this Exhibitor's Agreement and Release, I acknowledge having read The Westhampton Free Library Exhibit and Display Policy and hereby agree to comply with all of its terms and conditions.

Signature

Date

Print name

Print address

Telephone Number

Email Address

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Release: I hereby acknowledge that I have withdrawn my exhibit from the premises of The Westhampton Free Library.

Signature

Date

Adopted by the Board of Trustees: October 10, 2003

Amended: August 2022