

Art Exhibit Policy

1.0 Purpose:

The American Library Association affirms that visual and performing arts can be powerful components of library collections and services. The arts play a vital role in our ability to communicate a broad spectrum of ideas to all people.

Nederland Community Library is intentional in including diverse voices, be it through creative projects, performances, or exhibits from many cultural traditions. When the library plans exhibitions or performances, the selection process considers all of the communities served and seeks to provide diverse points of view.

Nederland Community Library encourages artistic and cultural interests by providing a showcase for the visual and performing arts. The library welcomes artists of all ages whether they are amateur or professional.

2.0 Definitions:

Art is defined as work created or designated by an artist, with the ability to provoke an aesthetic response, or affect the human senses in some way. Ultimately art is a product combining the artist's creativity, the viewer's perception, and a representation of the culture and time in which the work was produced.

The Art Exhibit Committee = The committee

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Selection Process:

The Nederland Community Library mounts displays of the work of artists for periods of up to 90 days, at shared installation cost between the Library and the Artist. Works accepted for display will remain at the library for the scheduled period; if an artist sells a piece prior to the end of the scheduled period a library staff member will place a red dot on the artwork label to indicate that the piece has been sold.

Selection Process: There is a biannual selection process for artists wishing to show at the NCL. Call for Artists will occur in January and June of each year and publicized on the library's website, bulletin board, and in the Mountain-Ear newspaper. Applications are open to anyone and will be received and reviewed by the Art Exhibit Committee. The committee consists of a minimum of three members: a library staff member, appointed by the director, who acts as committee chair, and two rotating members from the community who have a strong interest or background in art.

All display spaces within the public library are open to adults and children of all ages and sensibilities. Exhibit areas may also be passageways for employees and for members of the



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public of all ages to reach some library services. Therefore, displays should be appropriate in scale, material, form and content for the all-ages library environment.

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A member of the Library must approve the exhibit after it is hung, and may require changes in layout for appearance or safety considerations. A complete list of the all the artworks contained in the exhibit must be left with Staff at the time the exhibit is installed.

All artwork must be original by the submitting artist(s). The library will be open to the display of different media based on the library's mission and ability to display.

The library will assemble information about the artists and their work, as provided by them, to display for the viewing public. This will include contact information for interested purchasers. Selection to exhibit or display works at the library does not constitute an endorsement of the work. The library reserves the right to remove any piece at any time at its discretion.

Each exhibitor agrees that the Nederland Community Library assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to artwork on exhibit at the library and agrees to release the Nederland Community Library, trustees, invitees, and employees from responsibility for any such loss or damage. In the event of a complaint by any patron or community member, such complaint will be handled under the Library Complaint Policy.

Donated Art

In general, the library encourages mainly temporary, rotating art exhibits. However, occasionally a member of the community may wish to donate artwork to the library. In such cases, the committee will meet to discuss whether the artwork to be donated is appropriate or feasible for permanent display in the library and will pass on their recommendation to the library director for her/his final decision as to whether the library will accept the donation.

Purchasing Art for the Library

Occasionally, the library may wish to purchase art for the library using grant, library foundation, or library district funds. In such cases, the following will occur:

- 1) If grant money is to be used to purchase the artwork, the committee and the director will discuss the purchase and the director will make the final decision on whether to purchase the artwork.
- 2) If Nederland Community Library District funds will be used to purchase artwork, the library district board and the director will decide upon the purchase.
- 3) If Nederland Community Library Foundation Board funds will be used to purchase artwork, the Art Exhibit Committee and one library foundation board member will meet to discuss the specific purchase and will pass their recommendation on to the library director for his/her final decision.



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4.0 Attachments: The Art Exhibit Application

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5.0 Revision History: Rev-1- 12/11/2013 Committee Process amended; Donated policy added
Rev -2- Purpose and Selection Process have been amended

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