

Purchasing and Installing Library Pavers

1.0 Purpose: As an additional source of funding and as a means for community members to demonstrate their support of their community library, the Nederland Community Library District and the Nederland Community Library Foundation offer individuals and organizations the opportunity to purchase inscribed pavers that will be installed as the sidewalk leading into the main entrance of the Library.

2.0 Definitions: Pavers—bricks with inscriptions

3.0 Policy: Because the sidewalk will lead patrons and visitors into the Library, all pavers are the property of the Library. Because all patrons and visitors are, in essence, a “captive audience” for reading the inscriptions, the messages/inscriptions shall be public in nature and relate to the Library and its mission, except as provided by this Policy.

The central purpose of the paver program is to create a meaningful entryway to the Library with library-related messages. It is not intended to provide a public forum for private expression of personal opinions or viewpoints. The Library is, in essence, the “speaker” to its patrons and the public via the sidewalk entrance. Thus, all inscriptions must relate, directly or indirectly, to this community and the library functions (e.g., the joy and benefits of reading and learning, the value of a library, the importance of books, etc.) or to the District’s stated values, purposes, or mission.

The one exception to this restriction is for a supportive patron or friend of the Library to honor, memorialize, or positively acknowledge loved ones, family members, friends, or deceased loved ones, family members or friends who supported the Library or its values and mission in general, or any current or former community member who also is, or was, supportive of the Library.

For-profit businesses and service entities can also declare their support for the Library by purchasing a paver with its business name.

The Library District reserves the right of editorial control regarding all proposed inscriptions to determine if the content is consistent with the intent of this policy and with any specific regulations that may be promulgated pursuant to this policy.

The following guidelines shall be applicable for all pavers purchased and to be installed as of the effective date of this Policy.

- Inscriptions shall only be in narrative form and not include any logo, picture, or symbol. Dates may be included in conjunction with memorials.
- No commercial slogans, tag-lines or phrases that would be generally recognized as commercial speech.
- No vulgar, lewd, or plainly offensive language.
- No copyrighted words, names, or phrases.



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- No personal attacks on, nor any reference to, any race, religion, color, deity, cult, ethnic heritage, sexual orientation, disability status, or political or philosophical views or affiliations.
- No recognition of any non-public personal events or occasions.
- Inscriptions shall be public in nature and therefore no private or coded inscriptions.

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4.0 Attachments: Paver Order form

5.0 Revision History: Rev -0- Initial Issue



Approved by the Board of Trustees on November 14, 2018