

Art Display Policy

The St. Francis Public Library welcomes individual artists and organizations to display their work to the community. The Library has made space available on the main level to be used by local artists in accordance with this policy. Artists/organizations should read this policy and the Artist Display Guidelines in full prior to applying and signing the waiver. These documents can be found on our website.

The Library Board subscribes to the American Library Association's Bill of Rights, which states (in part) that when libraries make their spaces available to the public they serve, they will do so "regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use". Use of the Library's space for an art display does not constitute an endorsement by the Library of the views of the artist or the content of the artworks displayed.

All displays must meet State and Federal laws on obscenity, libel, defamation of character, or invasion of privacy.

Library Rights:

- The Library Director has the right to determine which displays will be approved and which pieces will be included in the display. An artist may appeal that decision to the Library Board.
- The Library reserves the right to reschedule a display based on Library and City needs, or discontinue/cancel a scheduled display if it is interfering with the use and operation of the Library.
- The Library reserves the right to photograph any part of the display and use the images in Library newsletters, social media, or other Library documents.
- The Library does not insure the artwork in a temporary display and is not responsible for any loss, damage, destruction, or theft of artwork in a display.

Artist/Organization Responsibilities:

- The artist/organization is responsible for submitting all required documents and images, including the signed waiver.
- The artist/organization is responsible for installing and removing the display on the determined dates. Failure to install the artwork in a timely fashion may result in the cancellation of the display. Failure to remove the artwork may result in monetary charges if the Library needs to have someone remove it.
- An artist/organization that violates the policies or guidelines may have their display cancelled or be excluded from future displays.
- The artist must provide an 8x10 sign for display in the Library, with the name and contact information of the artist/organization responsible for the display.
- Any publicity the artist/organization does relating to the display may only list the Library as the location of the display. It may not say that the Library sponsors the display or endorses the content.
- Sales of any artwork on display must be conducted by the artist/organization outside of the Library. Sold pieces must remain on display until the display's closing date.

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