

## **CITY OF LONGMONT | Longmont Public Library**

## **Policy for Displays and Programs**

The Longmont Public Library serves our community by providing equal access to information and resources for education, enrichment, enlightenment and enjoyment. Programming and displays are integral components of library service that:

- Introduce patrons and non-users to Library resources
- Provide opportunities for learning and entertainment
- Expand the visibility of the Library within the community
- Support the City of Longmont's commitment to equity and diversity

The Library also adheres to professional standards including the <u>American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights</u>. All individuals have the right to choose which library materials they will use. However, no individual or group has the right to restrict the freedom of others to read or view whatever they wish. No book or other material in question is automatically removed from or added to a display, nor is any program canceled, due to individual request and/or objections.

## Selection

Library displays and programs are selected, planned, organized, and/or implemented by Library staff using the following criteria:

- Support of the Library's mission
- Community needs and interests
- Availability of display and/or program space
- Historical, educational, or artistic significance
- Relation to Library collections, resources, exhibits, and programs
- Connection to other community programs, exhibitions, or events
- Promotion of diversity and inclusivity in our community
- Representation of historically marginalized voices

Responsibility for programming and displays at the Library rests with the Library Staff and the Library Director.

The Library is a safe space for all members of our community and our programs will reflect that. Library-initiated displays and programs will not exclude topics, books, media, and other resources solely because they may be considered controversial.

Displays or programs in the Library do not constitute an endorsement of the views expressed.

## **Questions and Concerns**

The Library welcomes expressions of opinion from patrons concerning Library displays and programs. Questions or concerns should first be addressed with a Library staff member. Patrons who wish to pursue a formal Request for Review may submit a Request for Evaluation of Library Materials form, which can be obtained at the Library. Requests for review of Library displays and programs will be considered in the same manner as requests for reconsideration of materials, as outlined in the Policy.