



Displays & Exhibits Policy

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The Whitby Public Library supports the intellectual, cultural, educational and recreational activities of our diverse local community. The Library provides display and exhibit space at the Central Library and the Brooklin Branch to engage the community and to stimulate interest in these sectors.

Display and exhibit space is available to individuals, schools and community non-profit organizations to display their art, handicrafts, collectibles, and projects. The display space is also available to community non-profit organizations for the display of promotional and informational material.

Space is allotted through an application and review process. The Library will publicize application deadlines and procedures and display and exhibit timelines through its communication channels. Whitby Public Library, Town of Whitby displays and exhibits and those from exhibitors from Durham Region have priority. Preference will be given to displays and exhibits that:

- demonstrate artistic merit or respond to a community information need;
- align with the Library's vision, mission, values and priorities;
- are suitable for display to a diverse audience and support a welcoming environment.

Content of displays and exhibits must not:

- violate the Criminal Code, including:
 - communication that incites or willfully promotes hatred, violence, or hostility against an identifiable group;
 - the advocacy or promotion of genocide.

- violate the Ontario Human Rights Code, including:
 - communication that discriminates or intends to discriminate against a person or identifiable group, or is likely to expose a person or identifiable group to hatred or contempt, because of their race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, ethnicity, citizenship, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age.
- promote any other unlawful activities or contravene federal, provincial, or municipal statutes or laws or library rules or policies.
- be partisan in nature or aim to proselytize.
- advertise or solicit for recruitment, business, fundraising, or the sale of items.

Approval of a display or exhibit does not imply endorsement by the Whitby Public Library Board. Acceptance or refusal of an exhibit or display is at the discretion of the CEO or designate.

Exhibitors are responsible for preparing, transporting, installing, dismantling and removing their display or exhibit within the timeframe specified by the Library. Library staff are not available to assist. Displays or exhibits not removed in the specified timeframe will be dismantled without any assumption of risk by library staff and will be disposed of.

The Whitby Public Library is not responsible for any material or artwork that is lost, damaged or stolen while on exhibit or display.

The Whitby Public Library does not charge for display and exhibit space.