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Exhibit and Display Policy

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I. Purpose

The Mount Horeb Public Library Exhibit and Display Policy provides a basis for exhibits and the display of library materials curated by library staff, informs the public about the principles and criteria upon which these decisions are made and promotes the purposes of the library's mission, which is *welcoming everyone to explore, grow and connect*.

The Mount Horeb Public Library board affirms the American Library Association's [Library Bill of Rights](#), [Freedom to View](#), and [Freedom to Read](#) policy statements in support of the curation of displays.

Parents and legal guardians have the right and responsibility to restrict the access of only their children to library resources, not others in the community. The exhibit and display of materials is not inhibited by the possibility that particular works may inadvertently be seen by or come into the possession of children and young adults.

II. Displays

The final responsibility for the display of library materials is held by the Library Director, but the day-to-day responsibility is shared by the Library's professional and paraprofessional employees.

The Library will strive to include a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints in library-initiated displays as well as offer displays that appeal to a range of ages, interests, and information needs. Library-initiated displays should not exclude topics, books, media, and other resources solely because they may be considered controversial.

III. Exhibits

The Library reserves the right to partner with outside organizations on occasion as space allows to host educational and cultural exhibits as part of official library programming. The Mount Horeb Public Library does not host exhibits for political, religious, or for-profit groups in the library. All exhibits are to be approved by the Library Leadership Team prior to set up. Individuals and representatives of organizations are responsible for planning, transporting, installing, and removing their exhibits, following guidelines provided by library staff. Contact information may be posted along with any exhibit materials, but any information involving the sale, advertisement, solicitation or promotion of commercial products is not allowed. The library is not responsible for any items that are lost, damaged, or stolen while on exhibit. The presentation of any exhibit does not imply endorsement by the Mount Horeb Public Library or the Village of Mount Horeb. Exhibits will be temporarily displayed for up to 6 weeks.

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