

HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY DISPLAY POLICY

Purpose

The Huntington Beach Public Library has adopted the following **Library Display Policy** to guide librarians and to inform the public about the principles upon which display themes and materials are chosen.

Philosophy

The Huntington Beach Public Library supports intellectual freedom and subscribes to the Library Bill of Rights and its interpretative statements, including "Library-Initiated Programs and Displays as a Resource: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights" (2019).

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/programsdisplays>

Library display tables and display cases are only for Huntington Beach Public Library or City of Huntington Beach displays. Public bulletin boards and flyer shelves located at Central and Branch locations are available for the posting of notices; however, those items must be submitted and then reviewed by Library administrative staff and are subject to rules and guidelines as outlined in the City's Public Posting guidelines.

Library displays are used to highlight new materials, educate the public about the variety of subjects, genres, and formats offered, and to stimulate interest in the library collections, services, and resources.

As the Library endeavors to present a broad spectrum of ideas and variety of viewpoints, placement of materials on displays does not necessarily imply the Library's endorsement of ideas, opinions, or viewpoints expressed therein.

Displays should support the Library's mission statement:

The Huntington Beach Public Library and Cultural Center welcomes, empowers and enriches our community by providing innovative and traditional library services that inspire and encourage transformation and growth

The following criteria will be considered when selecting or approving displays:

- Format and style are suitable for intended audience (e.g. adult materials will not be included in displays in the children's area).
- Appropriateness to seasonal events, holidays, heritage months, etc.
- Relation to current events.
- Historical or regional relevance.
- Relation to events in the community.
- Relation to Library events and programming.
- Representation of a genre, trend, or culture.
- Interest of patrons and the public.

Guidelines for displays:

- Themes and materials selected should fulfill the Library's mission to provide materials which meet patrons' interests and needs.
- Materials should be in good condition.
- Topical displays should represent the wide variety of viewpoints offered in the collections.
- Displays should not promote a specific religion or political party.
- Any signage included should clearly state the theme of the display.

Approval of displays:

- Senior Librarian of Youth Services is responsible for Children's, Youth, and Teen displays.
- Senior Librarian of Public Services and Community Outreach is responsible for Adult displays at Central and all displays at Branch locations.
- Final approval of all displays lies with the Library Manager.
- Patrons who request the reconsideration of library display materials will be asked to follow the procedures concerning reconsideration of library materials as outlined in the City of Huntington Beach's Collection Development policy.