

Kellogg Free Library

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Policy Category: Public Space

Policy Title: Exhibits

Need for Policy: The Exhibits program at Kellogg Free Library (KFL) provides the community with the opportunity to experience and engage with art in relationship to its programmatic themes, enriching the community with the occasion to exchange ideas, educate, nurture self-expression and grow—all free of charge.

Policy: Artwork/Exhibits shown will highlight local artists/organizations who primarily live and work in Cortland County, as well as artists/organizations who reside within the five counties of the Finger Lakes Library System. KFL adheres to the principles of intellectual freedom, adopted by the American Library Association (ALA), as expressed in the “Visual and Performing Arts in Libraries: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights” statements. To this end, KFL is committed to providing quality exhibits for the community through a diverse array of artwork and exhibitions that reflect a wide range of views, expressions, opinions, and interests.

- KFL will not display exhibits that contain child pornography or threaten violence toward or intimidation of an individual or group.
- KFL does not endorse the viewpoints or artistic expression of exhibitors, and will not disallow exhibits because of controversial content or because of the beliefs or affiliations of those whose work is represented.
- Exhibits will be chosen with the expectation that patrons of all ages will have viewing access.
- KFL will not censor or remove an exhibit because some members of the community disagree with its content.
- Objections to an exhibit should be submitted in writing to KFL’s Director, indicating how the exhibit violates the exhibit policy.
- KFL reserves the right to remove an exhibit or part of an exhibit that poses a possible safety hazard, is too large or otherwise inappropriate for the display space, creates a maintenance problem, exceeds acceptable noise and light levels, or interferes with the public service or other activities in adjacent library areas.
- There are three ways in which KFL exhibits are selected:
 - 1) KFL may appoint curators for exhibits. The KFL Exhibit Coordinator, in conjunction with the director, will select curators and exhibits.
 - 2) KFL may serve as a co-sponsor for exhibits.
 - 3) KFL may curate its own exhibits.

In all of the three instances, the exhibits must adhere to the Exhibits Policy and support library programmatic themes.

Anyone interested in learning more about the above should contact the Director at director@kelloggfreelibrary.org. KFL will ensure that all artists/organizations complete a KFL Library Art

Insurance Disclaimer form. KFL's Director reserves the right to make the final decision on all co-sponsored programs and exhibits.

Works Consulted:

"Hate Speech and Hate Crime", American Library Association, December 12, 2017.

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/hate> (Accessed July 12, 2018) Document ID: aa35c1c7-f3aa-4b07-964f-30dcf85a503c

"Intellectual Freedom and Censorship Q & A", American Library Association, May 29, 2007.

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/censorship/faq> (Accessed July 12, 2018) Document ID: e8ae9ed7-a469-f0d4-adf0-f2770d2ca8e8

"Visual and Performing Arts in Libraries", American Library Association, February 20, 2018.

<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/arts> (Accessed July 12, 2018) Document ID: 0a0896ca-5cde-449e-ba5c8d07bea391d9

Policy adapted from Tompkins County Public Library

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