

EXHIBIT SPACES FOR GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL USE POLICY 2021-6-17 Rev.)

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Areas for exhibits may be available for community groups or individual use depending upon the library building's facilities. Items displayed must be consistent with the purpose of Lorain Public Library and should promote the use of library materials and services if appropriate.

The Library may provide exhibit space for community groups or individual use at some facilities. If an exhibit space is available, the following guidelines apply:

- Items displayed must be consistent with the Library's Mission, Vision, and Values.
- Exhibits may be accepted for a cultural or informational offering, as a vehicle for a hobbyist to share personal interests, or as a vehicle for an artist to exhibit works for sale.
- If the exhibit is a vehicle for an artist to sell works, the exhibitor will be required to enter into a contract with the Library before the start of the exhibit. The Library requires that the artist submit a 10% commission of all proceeds from sales to the Library at the conclusion of the exhibit.
- If the Library must dismantle an exhibit because it is not removed as scheduled, the Library is not responsible for any damages and the exhibitor will be billed for staff time.
- The Library reserves the right to refuse exhibits for any reason, including for materials that are deemed inappropriate or not aligned with the Library's Mission, Vision, and Values. Exhibits may not include defaming or obscene materials as defined by the U.S. Supreme Court, materials which would lead to breach of peace, or materials which advocate the violation of State criminal laws.
- The views in works exhibited are those of the artists and not necessarily those of the Library.

Liability:

- The exhibitor must complete and submit the Exhibitor release/consignment Agreement Form which unconditionally release the Library and any of its employees from any liability in connection with the exhibit.
- The Library does not accept liability for damages, losses or theft to the materials exhibited.
- The exhibit space must be left in satisfactory condition. Exhibitors using the space assume liability for damages to Library property resulting from said usage, as assessed by the Library.
- The Library will dispose of abandoned exhibit materials after reasonable effort has been made to contact the exhibitor. If no contact can be made within 60 days, the Exhibitor acknowledges that reasonable efforts have been made and the Library may dispose of the materials.

Library sponsored programs, Foundation of the Lorain Public Library or Friends of the Library programs are exempt from this policy since their activities and programs fall within the service goals of the Library.