



Art Exhibit Policy

Purpose

Mesa County Libraries offer exhibit space for local and regional artists to display their original works of art. The purpose of the art exhibits is to enrich the library experience for customers and to provide a venue for artists to temporarily display their creations to the public. Local and regional artists and art organizations, from amateur to professional, are invited to apply for an exhibit.

Selection Criteria

All exhibits, whether generated by the public or the library staff, will be considered in terms of the criteria listed below. Responsibility for the selection of exhibits resides with the Art Committee. Granting of permission to display materials does not imply Library endorsement of content or points of view. The following criteria will be considered when approving exhibits.

- Artist's original work
- Artistic expression
- Overall community interest
- Historical prominence or significance of the artist or arts organization
- Relevance to library programs
- Dates of previous displays of similar items or topics
- Special needs, costs, or requests associated with proposed exhibits
- Art is reviewed solely on its own merit
- All items must be suitable for hanging
- Art that is exhibited in the library should be suitable for all audiences
- Ease of installation

Procedures

Exhibition decisions are made by the Art Committee. The Chair of the Art Committee serves as the exhibit coordinator and contact person. Inquiries or exhibit proposals may be directed to 970West@mcpld.org, and all submissions will be reviewed by the Art Committee.

- The Art Committee reviews proposals as they are received on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Exhibits shall be scheduled, whenever possible, from several months to a year in advance.
- An Art Committee member is responsible for informing prospective exhibitors of the Art Committee's decisions.
- An Art Committee member will contact artists and arrange time to install exhibit, meet the artist, and review artwork as it is hung, and have artist sign an Art Exhibit Agreement.


Guidelines

Exhibitors should recognize that the Library is a public building used by a large number of people. Mesa County Libraries will not be responsible for any damage or loss that may occur during setup and removal or during the time the exhibit is displayed.

- Exhibit display dates will be established in advance at the discretion of the Art Committee. Exhibits may run for as little as one month and no more than six months.
- It is the responsibility of Library staff to set up and remove the exhibit in accordance with an established schedule.
- Artwork to be displayed must be framed, matted or have a support structure, and be ready for installation with wire hanger in place. No sawtooth hangers are allowed.
- Library use of display areas takes precedence over any other use. In the unlikely event that the Library should require display/exhibit space for its own use, the Library Director has the right to pre-empt such space, without notice.
- Permission to photograph and reproduce any work accepted in the exhibition for publicity purposes is granted to the Library unless otherwise stated in writing.

Sale of Artwork

The owner of the work must acknowledge and agree that the Library will not act as an agent for the owner. No sales transactions may take place on Library premises, but the artist's contact information and sale price, if applicable, may be discreetly shown in conjunction with an exhibit.

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