

5.2 Displays Policy

Pella Public Library

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As an educational and cultural institution, the Pella Public Library welcomes exhibits and postings of interest to the community, and will provide bulletin board space to notify the public of special local programs, events, and activities; will arrange for and publicize displays that are in keeping with its mission; and will allow the authorized independent exhibit and distribution of materials as space and time permit. The posting or display of materials in the Library does not imply endorsement by the Library of the groups represented.

BULLETIN BOARDS AND PAMPHLET RACK

- The Library's bulletin boards are intended to provide an open forum for the dissemination of information and opinion. As such, they are available for use by all members of the community. However, material will be displayed only with the approval of the Director, who may date-stamp it with the removal date. When space constraints limit the number of items that can be posted, preference will be given to educational and cultural information and announcements over items of a commercial, political, or religious nature.
- The bulletin board and pamphlet rack in the lobby are intended for community information; the bulletin boards and pamphlet racks inside the main room of the library are reserved for library use; the mobile bulletin board is reserved for library use.
- Pamphlets to be distributed at no cost may also be presented by the community, with prior approval of the Director. Available space will be a determining factor in whether such pamphlets will be made available in the Library.
- Petitions are not allowed in the Library.

DISPLAY CASES

- Items for temporary display in the library's display cases are received and displayed at the discretion of the Director. While such decisions are not subject to the Board's approval, the Director may refer the matter to the Board for action if desired.
- The display cases may be used to display items and collections of interest to the public; they are not to be used for commercial purposes. The owner of the displayed items is asked to provide an information sheet or sign describing the display.
- Display cases may be reserved by individuals or groups in one month increments. All or part of the display case may be reserved. Reservations may be made up to one calendar year in advance. The library makes a reminder call on or about the 1st of the month, and a second reminder one week later. If the display has not been placed by the 10th of the month, the reservation is forfeited.
- Displays must be contained inside the display case. Thumbtacks are permitted inside the display case, but nails or other objects may not be pounded into the library walls or display case backs.
- Owners are responsible for setting up and taking down the displays in a timely manner. Library staff will not handle displayed items. If a display has not been removed by the 5th of the month, the Director may remove the display.

- Library events and promotions receive priority in scheduling the display cases. The library reserves the right to cancel or relocate a display if circumstances warrant.

OTHER DISPLAYS AND COLLECTIONS

- The library may occasionally agree to display collections or artifacts in other parts of the library at the discretion of the Director. While such decisions are not subject to the Board's approval, the Director may refer the matter to the Board for action if desired.
- Collections intended for permanent display in the library are subject to the library's Gifts Policy.

In all cases, items will be displayed at the owner's or donor's risk; the Library disclaims responsibility. It is the responsibility of the owner or donor to transport, set up, and arrange the display as well as to take it down within the agreed upon time frame. The Library shall not discriminate in the selection of items for display or exhibit on the basis of race, religion, or any other restrictive category.