



Displays and Distribution Policy

Grand Forks Public responds to the community's needs by providing a variety of communications and displays that educate and enrich the lives of all people.

Displays at the Grand Forks Public are selected, designed, arranged, and approved solely by Library staff. Temporary displays on the Library building or outside on any Library property must be approved by the Library Director. Library common areas, excluding properly scheduled meeting rooms, are not a public forum for First Amendment purposes.

Criteria Library staff use in making decisions about display topics, materials, and resources include but are not limited to the following:

- Topics of interest
- Cultural or historical significance
- Relation to library collections or programs
- Inclusivity of marginalized groups
- Availability of display space

Library-initiated displays should not exclude topics, books, media, and other resources solely because they may be considered to be controversial. The presence of a display or exhibit topic by the Library does not constitute an endorsement of the content.

Grand Forks Public will post public notices and notices of upcoming nonprofit educational, recreational, and civic meetings or events, in designated areas, as space allows. All posters must be approved by a member of management team, initialed, and dated before being placed on the community bulletin board. Notices may be removed at the Library staff's discretion.

The following are examples of items that may be posted:

- Information about community nonprofit organizations and events
- A benefit event or organization's fundraiser for an individual experiencing hardship
- Information about special events from organizations engaged in educational, cultural, intellectual, or charitable activities

Items that *may not* be posted at the Library include, but are not limited to:

- Political signs or campaign literature
- Commercial or business information
- Solicitations
- Personal notices
- Items for sale

Material Distribution

Any non-library handouts or brochures must also be approved by library management prior to distribution. Distribution of printed materials is not allowed except for approved fliers from community nonprofit organizations. Only library-related items will be displayed at the front desk areas, including the library's front doors.

The intention of this policy is to help promote excellence in library service for all patrons.

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