

POSTINGS & EXHIBITS POLICY

The Hobbs Public Library provides community exhibit space for display of art to further the <u>Library's mission</u> and provide an opportunity for the community to engage with art. Any art exhibits, whether temporary or permanent, will be reviewed and approved by the director or their designee, prior to being exhibited. Exhibits of art are prioritized for artists residing in or near the Lea County, New Mexico, area.

Exhibited items available for sale may have a price attached to them while displayed, however any sales or negotiations will occur outside of the Library. The Library will not sell, act as an agent for, nor be involved in the sale of items on display. Items sold by individual artists should not be removed from the display until the assigned display time is concluded.

Hobbs Public Library bulletin boards are intended primarily for promotion of Library services and activities. However, consistent with the Library's role as a community information resource, bulletin boards are available to organizations and individuals engaged in educational, cultural, informational, intellectual, and charitable activities on a space available basis.

All postings must be approved by authorized Library staff before being placed in the Library. Items not approved which are found posted in the Library will be removed. The Library will not accept for posting commercial materials or advertising by profit-making agencies, groups, or individuals, campaign posters for candidates or issues, petitions for the public to sign, or items of a personal nature. Postings from religious (e.g. churches, the Knights of Columbus) and quasi-religious organizations (e.g., the Boy Scouts) may be permitted provided the posting denotes civic-minded activities, as opposed to religious (e.g., a blood drive by a church is permissible whereas a posting for a revival is not). Persons are strictly forbidden to distribute commercial advertising literature on Library property, to circulate or post petitions, or to solicit funds for any purpose.

In accepting items for posting or exhibit, the Library does not endorse the content of the material or the organization or individual submitting the material. If items are to be covered by insurance, the exhibitor is responsible for coverage. In all instances, the Library reserves the right to refuse any item.

Adopted by the Hobbs Public Library Board

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