

Board of County Commissioners

Leon County, Florida

Policy No. 21-4

Title: Library Exhibits Policy

Date Adopted: June 8, 2021

Effective Date: June 8, 2021

Reference: [American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights](#)

Policy Superseded: Policy No. 91-4 "Exhibits and Display Policy – Library" adopted on July 9, 1991

It shall be the Policy of Leon County, Florida, that Policy No. 91-4 "Exhibits and Display Policy – Library" adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on July 9, 1991, is hereby repealed and superseded, and a new "Library Exhibits Policy" is hereby adopted in its place, to wit:

The purpose of the exhibition program at the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library is to engage the community with civic, educational, artistic, and cultural materials, while providing opportunity for emerging and established artists, collectors, and organizations to showcase their work and/or collections. The Library provides designated physical and virtual spaces for temporary exhibits at a variety of locations listed on the Library's website. Viewing access to exhibits is freely available to the community during regular Library hours of operation. The use of the Library's exhibition spaces reflects the [American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights](#), creating an inclusive and equitable environment that promotes intellectual freedom.

All are welcome to submit an application to exhibit at the Library. Exhibitions will be curated by the Library Special Services Coordinator in consultation with a citizen committee composed of the Library Advisory Board. Exhibition applicants may submit an appeal to curation decisions to the Library Director who will review it with the Library Advisory Board, determine if action needs to be taken, and provide a response to the applicant. Exhibitors are required to sign an Exhibitor Agreement Form prior to exhibiting.

Exhibitions will be selected using the following criteria:

- Supports the library's mission, programs, and services
- Represents the broad spectrum of opinion, interests, and viewpoints of Leon County citizens
- Relevance to Leon County
- Educational value

- Historical significance
- Reputation of artist/creator, collector, or organization
- Artistic merit and quality or craftsmanship
- Suitability for exhibition in a library environment (relating to content as well as physical factors such as size, sound, and fragility)
- So that content is appropriate for all ages, exhibition content cannot contain nudity, profanity, references to gang activity, or references to alcohol or tobacco use.
- Leon County residency is not required but factors into selection

Selection to exhibit works at the Library does not constitute an endorsement of the work. Community member's objections to exhibited materials must be made in writing and directed to the attention of the Library Director. The Library Director and the Library Advisory Board will then review the objection, determine whether any action is to be taken, and give notice of the decision to the individual who made the objection.