

Scranton Public Library
Display and Exhibit Policy

Adopted by SPL Board of Trustees 1/20/22

The Scranton Public Library provides displays and exhibits at its locations to highlight programs and services and to fulfill a core tenet of the library's Mission: "The Scranton Public Library enhances our community by fostering and supporting individual aspirations toward life-long learning, entertainment, and self-fulfillment for all."

Curation of Displays and Exhibits

Decisions regarding content and disposition of displays and exhibits are made by the Scranton Public Library. The following criteria are used in making decisions about topics, materials, and accompanying resources:

- Community needs and interest.
- Availability of display / exhibit space.
- Historical or educational significance.
- Connection to other community, state, or national programs, exhibitions, holidays, or events.
- Relation to library collections, services, and programs.
- Need to highlight little-used parts of the collection.

In addition, the Library may partner with other community agencies, organizations, educational institutions, or individuals when planning displays and exhibits.

The Library will strive to offer displays and exhibits that appeal to a range of ages, interests, and informational needs. The library will not approve or initiate a display or exhibit for the following reasons:

- Highlights a specific religious sect or affiliation.
- Could be considered discriminatory or harassing based on a group or individual's protected status (i.e., race, color, religion/religious creed, sex/gender, pregnancy, marital status, age, national origin/ancestry, physical and/or mental disability, medical condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, military or veteran status, or status in any other group protected by federal, state or local law) or which advocates in any way for such discrimination.
- Violates community standards of decency.

Comments on Displays

The Scranton Public Library serves a diverse community. It is not possible to curate all displays so that they fulfill the interests and preferences of all individuals who use our facilities. However, we are open to comments and suggestions. A suggestion box is available at all locations. In addition, a Library Resource Challenge Form is available.