

The Board of Trustees of Delta County Public Library District (“Library Board”) adopts and makes public the following written policy: **Art Exhibit Policy**

Revision Dates and General Definitions

This revision dated 8/21/2024 overrides all previous versions and any verbal/oral policies, actions, and behavior in existence prior to this date.

No individual has the authority to override the provisions contained in Delta County Public Library District’s (“District”) policies either orally or in writing, or by their actions.

Policy

In support of its vision, the District hosts exhibits and displays art acquired through purchases, donations, loans, or sponsorships. All exhibits must further the District’s vision, mission, values, or strategic priorities but must not drive the District’s agenda or priorities. The District displays materials from its own collections, accepts proposals, and also solicits individuals or organizations to provide materials for exhibitions on a variety of topics and interests, appealing to the diverse interests and concerns of the community. The District has sole discretion regarding selection, timeline, and in what manner materials are exhibited. The District retains the right to deny or refuse any exhibit proposal and also has the right to cancel a loan upon reasonable request to the Lender.

Selection Criteria: Responsibility for the selection of exhibits resides with the District’s designated staff and/or library managers. Granting permission to display materials does not imply the District’s endorsement of content or points of view. Art is reviewed solely on its own merit.

The following criteria will be considered when approving all exhibits:

- Originality.
- Artistic expression.
- Overall community interest.
- Historical prominence or significance.
- Relevance to library programs.
- Proximity in time to previous displays of similar items or topics.
- Item suitability for hanging, if applicable.

- Content suitability for all audiences – no offensive, obscene, profane or indecent content as defined by state and federal statutes and laws nor content that promotes, encourages or entices violence.
- Any special needs, costs, and/or requests associated with the exhibit.
- Ease of installation.
- Availability of exhibit space.

Requirements:

1. District locations are public spaces used by many people. The District will not be responsible for any damage or loss that may occur during exhibit setup, removal, and display. The District does not insure exhibit materials. Artists will be responsible for providing coverage for materials exhibited. The District does not provide special security for exhibited materials. Exhibit display dates will be established in advance at the discretion of District staff and/or library managers.
2. District use of display areas takes precedence over any other use. In the unlikely event that the District should require display/exhibit space for its own use, the District Director has the right to preempt such space without notice.
3. Permission to photograph, film, and reproduce any exhibited materials for publicity purposes is granted to the District and media outlets covering District exhibits unless otherwise stated in writing.
4. Artists must enter into an Artist Agreement with the District before the display of the exhibit materials.
5. No sales transactions may take place on the District's premises. No price tags shall be posted near or on the exhibit materials. A price list, description of the artwork on display, and biographical information about the artist may be left at the library and made available to the public upon request.

Reconsideration of Art Exhibits: The District fully supports and adheres to the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights* and abides by the laws of the State of Colorado and the U.S. Constitution concerning intellectual freedom, and therefore does not practice censorship. Notwithstanding, District residents, who live within the legal service area of the District have the right to challenge the District to reconsider library exhibits.

All requests for reconsideration must be made in writing using the District's Request for Reconsideration form, which is available at any District location and online. Completed forms go to designated staff who review the request in relation to the District's written policies. Only forms filled out in full by District residents will be given full consideration and review. The District Director then reviews the request and replies in writing within forty-five (45) days of

receipt of the request. The Library Board will be notified of all Requests for Reconsideration received. The exhibit in question will not be removed during the reconsideration process. The District will not consider challenges less than five (5) years after a previous challenge of the exhibit. A Request for Reconsideration is an open record under the Colorado Open Records Act. The District's final determination of a Request for Reconsideration will be available to the public. Individuals may submit up to five (5) reconsideration requests per year.

Delta County Public Library District Board of Trustees

President

Date

Secretary

Date

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