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Library Gallery Exhibits Policy

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Virginia Beach Public Library offers library customers an opportunity to share in the enjoyment of the visual arts, allows artists and community residents to share creative talents and enhances the visual environment in which library service is delivered. VBPL's Central Library gallery features solo or group wall-mounted or two-dimensional exhibits. Branch galleries vary.

In determining appropriateness of their exhibits, artists must recognize that library audiences include all ages, levels of sophistication, religious backgrounds and personal tastes.

Exhibits are selected based on quality of work and appropriateness for display in a public space.

Conditions of Exhibition: Central Library

1. Individual artists and art organizations are invited to submit 6-8 digital images during an annual call for entries; deadline is typically mid-December.
2. Selection is made by the Gallery Coordinator and Art Team through a juried process and approved by the Central Librarian. All decisions are final.
3. Artists selected for exhibition will receive written/email confirmation including delivery and exhibition dates.
4. Exhibits are on display for a period of one month unless otherwise noted.
5. Artist and Central Librarian must each sign a waiver that outlines the terms of the art loan. The City of Virginia Beach assumes no insurance liability for artwork on display. Artists are responsible for their own insurance coverage.
6. As space and time allow, Virginia Beach Public Library may publicize gallery exhibits in library, city and external media. Artists may publicize their exhibits independently of the library but may not use VBPL's logo or imply partnership or endorsement from VBPL without approval from VBPL's Community Relations & Development Office.
7. The Gallery Coordinator and his or her staff are responsible for hanging all exhibits in the gallery. Placement decisions are final.
8. Library staff will provide signage for exhibits in the gallery.
9. Arrangements for opening receptions must be made in advance with the Central Librarian in accordance with the Meeting Room Policy.

10. Sale of exhibited art is permitted. Artists are responsible for their own sales.
11. All exhibit pieces will remain for the duration of the exhibit period. No individual piece may be removed prior to the final day of the exhibit. All display pieces must be picked up promptly on the agreed upon date.

Conditions of Exhibition: Bayside, Great Neck, Joint-Use Library, Kempsville, Oceanfront, Princess Anne, Pungo-Blackwater, Wahab Law Library, and Windsor Woods Libraries

1. Individual artists and art organizations are invited to contact each library Branch Manager to request an opportunity to display.
2. Selection is made by each library Branch Manager based on space availability and quality of style and presentation. All decisions are final.
3. Artists selected for exhibition will receive written/email confirmation including delivery and exhibition dates.
4. Exhibits are on display for a period of one month unless otherwise noted.
5. Artist and Branch Manager must each sign a waiver that outlines the terms of the art loan. The City of Virginia Beach assumes no insurance liability for artwork on display. Artists are responsible for their own insurance coverage.
6. As space and time allow, Virginia Beach Public Library may publicize gallery exhibits in library, city and external media. Artists may publicize their exhibits independently of the library but may not use VBPL's logo or imply partnership or endorsement from VBPL without approval from VBPL's Community Relations & Development Office.
7. Artists are responsible for hanging and removing their own exhibits.
8. All arrangements for opening receptions must be made in advance with each Branch Manager in accordance with the Meeting Room Policy and in conjunction with the Community Relations & Development Office.
9. Sale of exhibited art is permitted. Artists are responsible for their own sales.
10. All exhibit pieces will remain for the duration of the exhibit period. No individual piece may be removed prior to the final day of the exhibit. All display pieces must be removed promptly on the agreed upon date.



Approved by: Eva Poole, Director