



Commerce Township Community Library

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Commerce Township Community Library provides displays and exhibits in the Library to highlight the Library's collection and to inform the public.

Display Policy

Selection of Displays

Library displays are planned, organized, and/or implemented by library staff. Library staff use the following criteria in making decisions about display topics, materials and accompanying resources:

- Community needs and interest
- Availability of display space
- Historical or educational significance
- Connection to other community or national programs, exhibitions or events
- Relation to library collections, resources, exhibits and programs

In addition, the Library draws upon other community resources in developing displays and exhibits, and may partner with other community agencies, organizations, educational institutions or individuals to develop and present displays and exhibits.

The Library will strive to include a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints in Library-initiated displays and exhibits, as well as offer displays and exhibits that appeal to a range of ages, interests and information needs. Library-initiated displays and exhibits should not exclude topics, books, media and other resources solely because they may be considered to be controversial. Acceptance of a display or exhibit topic by the Library does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the display or exhibit, or of the views expressed in materials on display, by Commerce Township Community Library or the Charter Township of Commerce.

Responsibility

Library staff may accept suggestions for display topics, but topics and materials selection are at the discretion of Library staff, the Library Director and the Township Board of Trustees.

Community Bulletin Board

Within the Library proper, only Library-related signs, posters or notices will be posted. In the lobby, a community bulletin board is provided for posting activities and events of interest to the community sponsored by non-profit community groups or by any federal, state or local government agency providing services.

The community bulletin board may be used to post the following types of information:

- Postings of future educational, social, civic, cultural or recreational activities.
- Postings by nonprofit organizations, groups, agencies or by any federal, state or local government agency providing services.

- Nonpartisan election information, such as those provided by the League of Women Voters or by the Secretary of State.

The following will not be accepted for posting:

- Materials endorsing or opposing any political candidate, political party or ballot measure.
- Commercial notices, solicitations, business cards, job postings and retail advertising.
- Personal notices of items of sale.

All notices to be considered for posting must be submitted at the Circulation Desk for approval by the Library Director or their designee. No material will be posted for more than 30 days. The Library will post materials appropriate to the bulletin board's purpose on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of the individuals or groups requesting the posting. Permitting the posting of any notices does not constitute an endorsement of the activities being promoted or the group organizing them by Commerce Township Community Library or the Charter Township of Commerce.

Free Literature

The Library accepts flyers, brochures, college and university class offerings and schedules, etc. for the community countertop located underneath the bulletin board. These materials must meet all bulletin board requirements. Space is limited; priority will be given to materials from local organizations.

Questions and Concerns

The Library welcomes comments from patrons concerning library exhibits and displays. Questions or concerns should first be addressed with a Library staff member. Patrons who wish to continue their request for review may submit a Request for Reconsideration form, which can be obtained at the Library or on the Library's website. Requests for review of library displays and exhibits will be considered in the same manner as requests for reconsideration of materials, as outlined in the Materials Selection Policy.

Approved by Commerce Township Board of Trustees, November 9, 2021