

BRIMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

Bulletin Board and Display Area Policy

(1) Control of Bulletin Boards and Display Areas

The bulletin boards and all display areas located inside the Library are under the exclusive control of the Library's Board of Trustees. The Library Director is responsible for administering this policy as established.

(2) Public Use of Bulletin Boards and Display Areas

The bulletin boards and display areas are for the primary purpose of promoting and supplementing the services, activities, and programs of the Library. As such, the Library will have first priority to the use of any of these areas.

The bulletin board located in the Library's foyer is designated as the "Community Bulletin Board." The Community Bulletin Board will be continuously available to the public, as space and time permit, subject to the guidelines listed below.

All other bulletin boards and display areas are reserved for the Library's use.

(3) Guidelines for Community Bulletin Board

The Community Bulletin Board is designed and intended to provide information to the Library's patrons about events or services of a cultural, educational, or community service nature.

The following types of items will not be displayed:

1. Those promoting political parties or candidates, or those advocating any other issue on an election ballot.
2. Posters, petitions, and the like that advocate a position on a public issue.
3. Announcements or advertisements of religious activities. Exceptions may be made for fund-raising, educational, or community events sponsored by religious organizations.
4. Materials that violate any local, state, or federal law, including, but not limited to, those concerning copyright, fraud, privacy, or obscenity.
5. Materials that are not suitable for viewing by minors.
6. Materials that incite violence or that promote hatred toward or discrimination against any individuals or groups of individuals.

Display items must be of a reasonable size in relation to the space available, and may not be accepted if they detract from the effective use of the space.

Items may not be posted for longer than four weeks. Any display item must be dated the day on which it is first displayed on the bulletin board. Undated and outdated items may be removed.

The appearance and content of the item must be suitable for display in a public area.

The library will not be responsible for making arrangements for any posted items to be returned, and accepts no responsibility for the loss of or damage to any item displayed.

Posting on the Library's bulletin board does not imply an endorsement by the Library staff or the Board of Trustees of any product, service, activity, event, or viewpoint displayed. The Library reserves the right to display or refuse to display any posting.

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