

Kimball Library Display Policy

The Kimball Library provides displays in multiple forms to highlight the collection and to inform the public. The Library embraces opportunities to celebrate art, culture, diversity and inclusion.

Selection of Displays:

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

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

The Library may partner with other non-profits such as town departments, libraries, community agencies, organizations, educational institutions or individuals to develop and present cosponsored displays and exhibits.

The Library is dedicated to the free and open distribution of ideas and the principles of intellectual freedom as set forth in the *American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights*. The Library strives to include a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints in library-initiated displays and exhibits which will appeal to a range of ages, interests and informational needs. Partisan political, religious and commercial materials are strictly avoided in library displays, but the Library will not exclude topics, books, media and other resources solely because they may be considered controversial.

Acceptance or creation of a display or exhibit topic by the Library does not constitute an endorsement by the Kimball Library of the content of the display or exhibit, or of the views expressed in the materials on display.

Responsibility:

Using the selection criteria stated above, library staff develop and create library displays. The Library accepts suggestions for display topics, but topics and material selection are arranged by library staff and are at the sole discretion of the Library Director.

Bulletin Board Displays:

The Kimball Library provides a public bulletin board for the posting of non-profit community activities and events and public service notices of educational, cultural or community interest. Please see the [Public Bulletin Board Policy](#).

Art Exhibits in the Library:

The Kimball Library is pleased to offer artists the opportunity to display their work to the community. Exhibits are arranged by library staff and given final approval by the Library Director. Please see the [Art and Exhibit Policy](#) for details

Objections to Library Displays:

The Library will review, consider and respond to all comments and questions about library displays from Atkinson residents. Any individual who wishes to provide comments or questions about a display should complete a [Request for Reconsideration of a Library Display](#) form. Please see the [Kimball Library Reconsideration Policy](#) for details about the reconsideration process.