



Walters Gallery Policy

PURPOSE

As part of the City's desire to express its pride in the people, places and things that make Cornelius a special community, the Cornelius Public Library will utilize the Walters Gallery to display works of art it believes reflects the City and honors its diverse population. The Library will display works of art from a variety of sources, including groups, organizations, or individuals in the community. The Library will focus on works of art that relate to educational, cultural, civic or recreational themes, particularly of local and regional interest. All of the Library's exhibits will be free and open to the public. The Library will not create exhibits for commercial purposes.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR EXHIBITS

The Library will curate exhibits that are informational, educational, cultural or historical in nature. In deciding what to include in an exhibit, the Library will be guided by the following principles:

- Relevance to broad-based and diverse community needs and usefulness to a general audience;
- Appropriateness of subjects, techniques and styles relative to diversity of library patrons' ages and backgrounds;
- Timeliness;
- Originality of content or approach;
- Relationship to Library collections;
- The works will not compromise safety of library patrons, staff or volunteers;
- Availability of space;
- The Library will not display works that:
 - are of a partisan nature urging people to support or withhold support for a cause or candidate; or
 - advertise for commercial profit or gain or solicit contributions of money.
- Concerns about the appropriateness of an exhibit should be referred to the Library Director. Use of library exhibit space may be denied or cancelled if any library regulation or applicable law is violated.

PROPOSALS

A group or individual that is not associated with the Cornelius Library must apply in advance to be considered by the Library for inclusion in exhibit space by completing the [Request to Exhibit](#)



Works of Art/Collections. Photographs of the pieces to be displayed must be included with the application. Representatives from the Cornelius Library staff and Advisory Board will review requests and consider a wide range of artistic expression, mindful that all segments of the community and all age groups use the display areas. Final responsibility for selection of exhibits rests with the Library Director.

Artists/exhibitors must fill out and sign the Agreement for Exhibition of Works of Art/Collections before the selected exhibit is confirmed.

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