



## Library Display policy

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Centralia Public Library (CPL) 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
- Current season of the year, holidays, and heritage or commemorative days/months (ex. - March is Women's History month)
- Relation to library collections, resources, exhibits, and programs

Each display shall only include material classified for one age group; children, teen/young adults, or adults. Only materials classified for children (see our [Collection Development policy](#)) are to be displayed in the Joyce Miller Children's room.

CPL strives to include a wide spectrum of opinions and viewpoints in Library initiated displays and exhibits, as well as offering displays and exhibits that appeal to a range of ages, interests, and information needs.

CPL 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 CPL does not constitute an endorsement by CPL of the content of the display or exhibit, or of the views expressed in the materials on display.

From time to time, a patron may be concerned about a display in the Library. If a patron wants us to reconsider a display, a [Reconsideration form](#) may be requested from the library staff. This form should be filled out by a patron who resides in the CPL Library district and either returned to the staff member or mailed to the Director of the Library.

You will find a map of our library district on our website: ([www.centraliapubliclibrary.com](http://www.centraliapubliclibrary.com)) Go to the **About** dropdown menu at the top of our Home page and select **CPL Library district map**.

The Director, along with the library staff, will consider the written request and will respond in writing or email as to the library's decision about the display in question. The Director will notify the Board of Trustees of any such request(s) and decision. However, if a patron is not satisfied with the decision, he or she may request that the Board of Trustees review the decision at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.