



Meaford Public Library

Display Policy

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The Meaford Public Library provides and displays materials consistent with its role and mission as part of its information service. We recognize the importance of providing access to information for activities and groups serving the surrounding community. This policy provides guidelines for the permissible use of the library for these purposes.

Meaford Public Library displays, posters, and materials will be given priority and all displays are subject to the approval of the CEO or designate.

Bulletin Boards and Distribution of Materials

1. The library displays information and materials on behalf of cultural, education, social service, volunteer agencies, and library partners. The library does not necessarily endorse or take responsibility for the content of materials displayed.
2. The library reserves the right to assess the suitability and relative importance of display materials and may refuse to display some materials. Materials may be refused for display based on type of event, size, poor production, or incomprehensible content.

The library will not display or distribute:

- a) materials that contravene the Ontario Human Rights Code, or federal or provincial laws;
 - b) faith-based materials whose primary purpose is the promotion of faith; however events sponsored by local religious groups may be displayed;
 - c) material advertising or promoting commercial products, services, or events for profit;
 - d) personal ads and notices including notices of items for sale or rent.
3. Materials will be displayed for an agreed upon period of time. Every effort will be made to post material up to the date(s) of the advertised events.
 4. Materials will be disposed of by library staff at the conclusion of the display period.
 5. Any complaints or appeals will be resolved by the Library CEO.

Solicitation and Petitions

1. Solicitations by members of the public are not permitted on library property, either in person or by petition. Petitions originating with the Library Board or the Municipality of Meaford Council are permitted, subject to formal approval by the Board.

Sales

1. The sale of tickets or other promotional materials for fundraising or commercial purposes is not permitted in the library without the express permission of the Library Board.

Donations

1. The library will only collect donations directly applied to the Meaford Public Library and the Friends of Meaford Library (FOML).

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