

Omaha Public Library (OPL) Exhibits Policy

PURPOSE:

OPL permits the display of collections of paintings, prints, sketches, sculpture artifacts, or other art objects (exhibits) for limited time periods. OPL-sponsored exhibits shall receive first priority. Exhibits are selected or prepared by library staff on the basis of their aesthetic quality, educational interest, and appeal to the community.

POLICY:

Exhibit Areas:

There is limited exhibit space in each OPL location. Space varies by location. Information on exhibit space at each library may be obtained from the branch manager of that location or library administration.

Period of Display:

Exhibits are expected to be on display for at least one month. Any change to this schedule must be approved in advance.

Application:

Exhibitors must complete the exhibit application listing the title of the work and a brief description of the exhibit and/or include an artist statement. Application for exhibits must be made in writing. Examples of works to be shown must accompany the application if requested by the library. Applications for exhibits in branch libraries are reviewed by the branch manager and library administration. Not all exhibits can be approved due to limited space and availability.

Security:

OPL is not responsible for damage or theft to the exhibit and provides no insurance coverage for this purpose. Although normal precautions for the exhibit's security will be exercised by the library, ultimate responsibility for the exhibit belongs to the artist/owner.

Installation:

Installation of the exhibit is the responsibility of the owner/artist/curator, who must provide all necessary tools. The installation must not result in any physical damage to OPL's premises and is subject to OPL's approval.

Rights:

Exhibit materials may be sold at the artist's/owner's discretion. Price information may not be displayed. Artists may post contact information for patrons to inquire about sales or other information regarding the exhibit. The owner/artist agrees to allow OPL the right to photograph items by agreeing to exhibit a collection in the library. OPL can use the photographs to promote the exhibit and the library in general while giving appropriate credit to the owner/artist.

IMPLEMENTATION:

OPL staff are responsible for enforcing this policy.

Approved by the Board of Trustees
of the Omaha Public Library, August 20, 2025