



CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

EXHIBIT POLICY AND LOAN AGREEMENT FOR EXHIBITORS

The purpose of exhibiting art in the gallery spaces of the Cambridge Public Library is to afford local artists an opportunity to display their work, to enrich and reflect the cultural awareness of the community, and to encourage use of the library’s collections and facilities.

In providing exhibit space, the Library adheres to the policies of the LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS as published by the American Library Association (attached).

Exhibits are planned on a monthly basis and are to be hung by the exhibitors using appropriate hardware. Applications will be accepted up to 12 months in advance, with priority given to Cambridge residents.

Suitable works for hanging include paintings, drawings, photographs, tapestries, fabric arts, needle arts, etc. Sculptures or other three-dimensional pieces that do not hang on the wall cannot be accepted for exhibit due to space constraints.

ART LOAN AGREEMENT:

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND HEREBY AGREE TO LOAN TO THE CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR EXHIBIT PURPOSES THE FOLLOWING:

_____ (number/brief description, e.g., 4 paintings, 6 photographs, pastels, watercolors, etc.)

WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS BY THEFT, FIRE, WATER DAMAGE, OR VANDALISM OF THE ART WORK(S).

Artist: _____

Date: _____

The Library takes no responsibility for the sale of any work of art. Prospective purchasers will be referred directly to the artist.

Date for the exhibit: _____

Staff signature _____ Date _____

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Library Bill of Rights

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

- I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- VI. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.
- VII. All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use. Libraries should advocate for, educate about, and protect people's privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information.

Adopted June 19, 1939, by the ALA Council; amended October 14, 1944; June 18, 1948; February 2, 1961; June 27, 1967; January 23, 1980; January 29, 2019.

Inclusion of "age" reaffirmed January 23, 1996.

Although the Articles of the *Library Bill of Rights* are unambiguous statements of basic principles that should govern the service of all libraries, questions do arise concerning application of these principles to specific library practices. See the documents designated by the Intellectual Freedom Committee as Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights (<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations>).