



Exhibit Policy

Individuals and organizations shall be invited to provide temporary exhibits of hanging or 3-dimensional art to enrich the library experience of Library patrons and visitors; to enhance and increase community appreciation of the arts; to present a variety of exhibitions by area artists in the visual arts and other media that are educational, historical, cultural, intellectual, charitable, and recreational; to help local and regional artists increase their public exposure.

Barrington Public Library (the Library) reserves the right to screen potential exhibits for type, suitability, quality, and space requirements. The planning, scheduling, and screening for exhibits shall be the responsibility of the Library Director.

The Library shall not be responsible for loss, theft, or damage to exhibit materials while on the premises. Exhibitors shall be required to sign a release form (see appended). No tape or other adhesives may be used on the exhibit wall.

The Library staff may not participate in the sale of exhibit materials; no money shall be collected on the premises. The staff shall provide contact information, if the exhibitor shall have provided it, to individuals interested in purchasing materials. Selling prices may not be affixed to art or other objects on display, but exhibitors may leave a price list at the Reference Desk.

Artists are welcome to hold receptions in the Collis Family Gallery, depending on availability of the room. A reception at the library is an opportunity for patrons to meet the artist, and learn more about their work; it cannot be used as a venue to sell art. All receptions must be free and open to all who wish to attend. Refreshments are the responsibility of the artist, and serving alcohol is prohibited.

There shall be no charge to the exhibitor or the public for any exhibit.

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Art Display Information

The Main Floor Gallery has a larger area to show artwork and gets excellent foot traffic. The Jennifer English Gallery is on the second floor and is at the entrance of heavily used program rooms. Both galleries also have a monitor for digital displays that can add another dimension to an installation.

Artists are encouraged to come into the library and look at both spaces to gauge the amount of work that is needed to fill each gallery.

FAQs for hanging art

Can the track lighting be moved to better illuminate my show?

The track lighting must only be handled by the library's custodian. It is currently arranged to illuminate the area well in general. If you feel you must make changes to better illuminate your show, please set up an appointment with the Head Custodian in order to make the changes you require.

How does the Library promote exhibits?

The Library promotes exhibits under the library section of the local newspaper, and Library social media.

What are the dimensions of the display areas?

Main Floor Gallery: The display molding in the Main Floor Gallery runs across four walls: Three walls are each 20 feet long, and one wall is three feet long.

Jennifer English Gallery (second level): The hanging system in the Jennifer English gallery runs 8 feet on the shorter wall, 14 feet on the adjacent wall, and there is an additional 12 feet of hanging space in the hallway between the two meeting rooms to be used if needed.

What is the best resolution for my images on the digital display boards?

Best quality (4K): 3840 x 2160

Minimum Quality (Full HD): 1920x1080

File format: JPEG or PNG

How do I arrange an "opening" for my show at the Library?

If you are interested in having an opening at the Library, please email the Library Director at director@barringtonlibrary.org.

FAQ for Display Case Exhibits

The library provides a glass display cases for 3-dimensional works of art. All works must be handcrafted by the exhibitor.

Where is the display case located in the library?

The case is in the Main Floor Gallery.

What are the dimensions of the display case?

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| Overall Width x Height x Depth | 19.8" x 77.8" x 19.8" |
| Shelf Width x Depth | 18.3" x 18.3" |
| Number of Shelves | 6 |
| Shelf Clearance | 11.5" |

Does the case lock?

Yes. Keys to the case are kept at the Reference Desk.

Is the case illuminated?

Yes. There are (1) Top & (5) side adjustable LED lights.

Are the shelves moveable?

Yes, they can be moved to accommodate for taller pieces (see dimensions above). Please ask a library custodian to move the shelves.

Setting Up Your Exhibit

Exhibits are placed at the Library for one calendar month unless otherwise arranged with the Library Director.

IMPORTANT: They must go up on or after the first day of the month and are to be taken down on or before the last day of the month in which they are scheduled.

Please be aware that it is the **exhibitor's responsibility to put his or her exhibit into place physically**; no library staff person will be on hand to help hang a show or arrange a display in the library's exhibit case. Many people find it useful to bring a friend or family member along to assist.

Library exhibits are put in place strictly for the enjoyment of the public, **not as commercial advertisements**. Business flyers are not to be displayed, although the artist's biography may mention a place of employment, and all exhibitors may give a contact email or phone number where they can be reached.

Exhibitors are welcome to **leave a price list with the reference staff**; prices are not to be posted at either display site

Small tags to describe the work can be placed on the bottom right of the pieces with adhesive that will not damage walls.

Both galleries have **digital display monitors** that can be used to show a slide show of more work, or a video to support the art. (See FAQ for file information).

A **QR code can be included** in the artist's literature directing patrons to more information about the exhibit.

Press Releases

Press releases will be sent to East Bay Newspapers and if a photo is submitted the exhibit will also appear on the library's social media platforms.

Include a photo in .jpg format.

Provide a paragraph describing what the viewer will see when they visit the exhibit, along with another paragraph giving a brief biographical description of the person (or persons) responsible for the display.

The library must receive press release information **one month before your exhibit.**

Email information to Kristen Chin to director@barringtonlibrary.org.

Thank you for considering an art exhibit at Barrington Public Library. We look forward to your exhibit.

Direct questions to:
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RELEASE

In consideration of the fact that the Barrington Public Library, Barrington, Rhode Island, has granted me the right to exhibit an article or articles of personality on the premises of the Library during the month of:

I hereby acknowledge that I, _____, of _____ release and forever discharge the Barrington Public Library and the Town of Barrington of any and all responsibility for loss, damage, or theft of article or articles of personality identified below, from or on the premises of the Barrington Public Library.

Article(s) _____

Article(s) will be placed on the exhibit wall.

Exhibitor (or owner):

Date