

Literature Racks, Bulletin Boards, and Exhibit Spaces Policy

Service.

The Champaign Public Library makes available literature racks and bulletin boards for use by individuals or community groups engaged in not-for-profit educational, cultural, intellectual, or charitable activities.

Library Bill of Rights.

The uses made of literature racks and bulletin boards shall conform to the Library Bill of Rights: Article 1 states, “Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.” Article 2 states, “Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.” Article 6 maintains that exhibit spaces should be made available “on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.”

Use of Display Areas by the Library.

In developing library exhibits, printed materials, and publications, staff members should endeavor to present a broad spectrum of opinion and a variety of viewpoints. The library should not shrink from developing exhibits, printed materials, and publications because of controversial content or because of the beliefs or affiliations of those whose work is represented. Just as the library does not endorse the viewpoints of those whose works are represented in its collection, the library also does not endorse the beliefs or viewpoints of topics that may be the subject of library exhibits, printed materials, and publications.

Administrative Rules and Regulations.

The Library Director may establish administrative rules and regulations regarding the time, place, and manner of use of bulletin boards and literature racks. Criteria for the use of these spaces may include (but are not limited to) the size of materials to be displayed, the length of time materials may remain on display, the frequency with which materials may be displayed or posted for the same group, and the geographic area from which notices and literature will be accepted.