

COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND POSTING POLICY

PURPOSE

In the spirit of community partnerships, Appleton Public Library (“Library”) provides clearly designated spaces for specific types of information and materials:

- Community Board
- Literature Display Space(s)
- Employment Postings Area

These spaces support the Library's philosophy of providing access to a wide range of information sources. Placement of materials in any of these spaces does not imply endorsement by the Library.

POLICY

General Guidelines for All Spaces

- All materials must be approved and placed by library staff. Unapproved items will be discarded. Considerations for approval include:
 - Promotions of community drives (e.g., food or clothing donation drives) and fundraising events subject to the following:
 - When organized or sponsored by non-profit and governmental agencies, or
 - When organized or sponsored by private organizations recognized by the Library as having strong community ties.
 - Drives initiated by individuals or unverified groups will not be allowed.
 - Materials must identify the sponsoring organization, including a name, address, and contact information.
 - Materials that are primarily advocating a single viewpoint are not allowed.
 - Materials devoted solely to the sale, advertising, solicitation, or promotion of products or services will not be accepted, except for announcements of educational or employment opportunities.

- Materials must align with community standards, be suitable for all ages, and must not include nudity, profanity, or inappropriate content.
- Items will be accepted as space allows and may be removed after 30 days, once the event has passed, or the if material is otherwise redundant or obsolete in order to make room for new materials.

Community Board

- Priority is given to materials from the Library, Friends of the Appleton Library, and local government entities.
- Announcements must pertain to events open to the public.

Literature Display Space(s)

- Reserved for free publications such as flyers, community newsletters, magazines, and newspapers.
- The Children's Area may include materials of interest to children, parents, and caregivers.

Employment Postings Area

- Only postings for local job opportunities, job fairs, or workforce development programs are allowed.
- Materials must include the employer/provider's name, address, and contact information.

Petitioning, Solicitation, or Distribution of Literature

- Petitioning, solicitation, canvassing, and distributing literature are permitted on the sidewalk in front of the library but must not interfere with library operations or access.
- Solicitation of monetary donations for non-library-related purposes inside the library building is not allowed unless it is part of a library-sponsored initiative, or an

event scheduled in the designated meeting space in accordance with the Meetings and Events Policy.

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