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Exhibit and Display Policy

Exhibits and displays must align with the mission of the Library and/or the University. The goal of all displays should be to highlight resources, services or collections, or contribute positively to the library's environment while enriching the life of the university community.

Display locations include but are not limited to the glass display cases in the Melville Library Galleria across from the Central Reading Room, free standing display cases within the Central Reading Room, glass display cases located outside the South and East entrances to the Melville Library, glass display cases in the Circulation Services area of the third floor of the library, the display case outside of the Instruction classrooms on the first floor, the wooden horseshoes located at the East and South entrances to the library, the library website, and the SCALA screen located in the Library Galleria. Also included, any digital displays that could be mounted to LCD screens and digital displays and exhibits on the library's web portal. The library reserves the right to use other areas/spaces within the library as needed. This policy does not include display areas reserved for Special Collections.

Non-library groups/individuals may request the use of display areas when working in collaboration with library departments. Library staff are invited to conceive and request permission to present an exhibit or display. Exhibitors will assume all responsibility for the exhibit.

Exhibits/displays may reflect the unique personal expression(s) and composition ideas of the displayer, respective of the ACRL policy: "Freedom of information and of creative expression should be reflected in library exhibits and in all relevant library policy." (ACRL Intellectual Freedom Principles for Academic Libraries, item #7.)

All content will meet existing State and Federal laws on obscenity, libel, defamation of character and invasion of privacy.

All exhibits/displays must meet with the approval of the Dean of SBU Libraries.

This policy may periodically be revised to reflect the changing needs and goals of SBU Libraries.

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