

2.3 Literature Display and Dissemination Policy

(Adopted by the Oak Park Public Library Board of Trustees on 3/15/2022)

The Oak Park Public Library adheres to the *Library Bill of Rights*. Article I states, "Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation." Article II states, "Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval." Article VI maintains that exhibit space should be made available "on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use."

To support this basic principle, and to foster positive relationships within the community, the following policy has been established:

- 1) Informational material of public interest from nonprofit organizations, educational institutions and governmental agencies may be displayed where space is available at the discretion of the Library Director. The primary purpose of such material must be to inform the public of the organization's programs, services and events. Examples include:
 - Friends of the Library information, OPPL program or service information.
 - Promotional materials for nonprofit cultural organizations such as theater groups, museums, or orchestras.
 - Local, County, State, or Federal government printed information that benefits residents.
 - Local school information or events.
 - Special event fliers for non-profit organizations.
 - Magazines or newspapers that are free of charge and have prior approval from the Library Director.
- 2) Prior to an election, the Oak Park Public Library may have available, on an equal basis, voter information and campaign literature about political candidates appearing on local ballots. Any materials that directly or indirectly make reference to an election or a candidate must be removed prior to Election Day if within 100 feet of any entrance to a polling place or in a hallway used by voters to enter or exit a polling place.
- 3) Prior to an election, campaign material relating to ballot issues may be placed in the library for display and/or distribution to the public. If there is formal opposition to a ballot issue, equal consideration shall be given. Campaign materials that directly or indirectly make reference to a ballot issue must be removed prior to Election Day if located within 100 feet of any entrance to a polling place or in a hallway used by voters to enter or exit a polling place.
- 4) Petitions may not be displayed or circulated in the library except as permitted by local municipal ordinance.
- 5) Any literature generally observed to be obscene, illegal, or harmful to minors per CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) definitions will be removed upon discovery and disposed of at the Library Director's discretion.