

AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
ART AND NON-COLLECTION MATERIALS POLICY STATEMENT

ACQUISITIONS:

The Library Board's Building and Grounds Committee makes recommendations to the board on art and furnishing (non-collection materials) acquisitions – whether purchases or gifts.

The Library accepts gifts of art and non-collection materials with the understanding that the same guidelines of selection are applied to gifts as to materials acquired by purchase. The Library Board reserves the right to evaluate and to dispose of gifts in accordance with the criteria applied to purchased materials.

EXHIBITS:

Temporary exhibits of art may be allowed dependent on space availability. Artists may reserve available space for a two-week period. Extensions may be possible based on space availability. Art pieces must be suitable for a general all-ages audience as determined by the library director. Artists may appeal the library director's decision to the Library Board.

Artists may include brief biographical and contact information alongside the display (no prices). The library's insurance policy does not cover temporary art displays and the library is not responsible for any theft or damage that may occur.

DEACQUISITION:

The Library Board determines the final disposition of all art owned, including gifts, in accordance with city and state government regulation and laws. Specifically, the Library Board makes no promises or guarantees to return gifted art works to the donor or artist, and cannot commit to the permanent display or ownership of art.

NOTE:

Non-collection materials may include, but are not limited to, furniture, fixtures and landscaping items.

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