

Saxton B. Little Free Library, Columbia, CT

Library Display Policy

Purpose

This policy provides guidelines for the development, management, and oversight of programs presented by the library.

The Saxton B. Little Free Library (SBL) regularly creates displays of library materials. The purpose of displays is to bring attention to books that relate to a community holiday or event, a library program, or other themes that may be of interest to our patrons. As with our library collections, library displays are for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all residents, and are provided as a resource for voluntary inquiry, the dissemination of information and ideas, independent thought, and the educational needs of our community.

Principles and Criteria

Displays are designed to represent a wide range of varied and diverging viewpoints. Displays provide access to content that is relevant to the research, independent interests and educational needs of residents.

All library materials are evaluated and made accessible in accordance with the protections against discrimination set forth in section 46a-64 of the general statutes.

SBL Librarians are professionally trained to curate and develop programs and displays. In addition to those created by SBL staff, the library may include displays and programs that are created by members of the community. Displays and programs provided by community members or organizations will be labelled as such.

Intellectual Freedom and Censorship

The inclusion of an item in the collection or on a display does not imply the library's endorsement of the author, publisher, ideas, or subject matter. The library provides materials representing a wide variety of opinions and perspectives. The library recognizes parents, caregivers, and legal guardians as the parties responsible for the reading and viewing habits of their children.

In the interest of protecting an individual's right to access to materials, the Saxton B. Little Free Library adheres to the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, the Free Access to Minors, the Freedom to Read, and the Freedom to View.

Requests for Reconsideration of Library Displays or Programs

Saxton B. Little Free Library welcomes expression of opinion concerning materials, programs, or displays at the library. Any library cardholder and resident of Columbia, Connecticut who wishes to request that a specific item, display, or program be reconsidered is asked to complete the Request for Reconsideration form and return it to the Library Director.

See Library Materials, Display, and Program Reconsideration Policy and Form.