



## Exhibit Space Policy

The Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library's policies concerning exhibit spaces and meeting rooms are consistent with the American Library Association's interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights (below). It is emphasized that the Library chooses to not limit meeting sessions based upon their private or public nature. Furthermore, it is strongly emphasized that exhibit spaces and meeting rooms will be made available to the public on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use. Also, it is highly recommended that those who object to or disagree with the content of any exhibit or meeting held at the Library submit their own exhibit or meeting proposals to the Library.

Like the meeting room policy, groups or organizations other than non-profits wanting to use the exhibit space must gain permission from the Director. Library exhibits will have priority for use of all exhibit spaces. Because of the limited exhibit space available to the public, the Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library may allow an individual or organization only one (1) display each year. This is to allow for use of the exhibit spaces on an equitable basis.

### **Library Bill of Rights**

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

VI. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

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