

EXHIBITS

1. The public library is founded on the premise that its programs, materials and services are equally accessible to all. To this end, **all Library- sponsored programs must be free and open to the public.** Anyone involved in presenting programs or exhibits at the Library must observe the “free and open” clause. **However, the Library may, at its discretion, permit a performer to sell his work in conjunction with the performance.**
2. The purpose of the Cheshire Public Library exhibit program is twofold:
 - to allow creative persons and knowledgeable collectors the opportunity to share their talents with the public.
 - to aid the Library in fulfilling its objective of furthering the educational and cultural growth of patrons.
3. Exhibit space is provided for artists and craftspeople with preference given to those living and working in Cheshire. Exhibitions will be selected and scheduled by the Art Exhibits Selection Committee in a manner that ensures a diverse representation and allows the greatest number of potential exhibitors to display their work. **Groups are invited to display, provided they elect one person to represent them to coordinate their exhibit with the Art Exhibits Selection Committee.**
4. Artists and craftspeople wishing to exhibit at the Library, will submit an online application along **with 4-6 digital images** of their works to the Art Selection Committee. **The Art Selection Committee meets twice a year to select the exhibits.**
5. In accepting an exhibit for display, the Art Selection Committee will evaluate works for:
 - technical and artistic quality
 - appropriateness for viewing by all ages
 - to ensure a lively and varied program for the year.

Artists and craftspeople of all ages, backgrounds and skill levels will be considered for exhibition. Periodically, special shows may be coordinated by the Art Selection Committee working with local community groups and the Cheshire Public Schools. **The Art Selection Committee reserves the right to refuse an exhibit if, in its opinion, it does not meet the selection criteria as described above.**

6. All exhibits are loaned to the Library free of charge for a specified period. The Library will see that all reasonable care is given to the exhibits. However, **the Library shall not be held responsible for damages to the exhibit while on display. All exhibitors must sign a [Hold Harmless Agreement](#) to be able to exhibit in the Library.**
7. The exhibit will be set up by the exhibitor with members of the Art Selection Committee at a mutually agreed-upon time during Library hours.
8. The Library is not in any way involved in the sale of any exhibit item. The exhibitor's contact information and price lists may be made available to patrons expressing interest.
9. The Library will handle all press releases and publicity related to the art exhibits.
10. Exhibitors interested in holding a reception, doing a demonstration, or conducting a class or special program related to their exhibit are encouraged **to indicate this interest, in writing, to the Deputy Director.**

FORMS:

Art submission application form

Exhibit Guidelines

Hold Harmless agreement