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I would like to exhibit my artwork in a library?

Great! Thank you for your interest in exhibiting at a San Diego Public Library. Programming for the gallery at Central Library is curated and we are not accepting unsolicited applications. We will occasionally have juried exhibitions and those will be announced on our website and Facebook page.

In addition to the gallery at the Central Library we have 35 branch libraries throughout San Diego. Many of those branches have active visual arts programs and each branch has unique display capabilities. To initiate use of Exhibit Space; Library staff must receive a completed application from the party requesting the exhibit. To request an application please send your inquiry to OnView@sandiego.gov.

Exhibit Space is made available on equitable basis regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use. The Library endeavors to present a broad spectrum of opinion and viewpoints. The Library does not endorse content nor imply agreement or disagreement with beliefs or viewpoints expressed in the exhibits. The Library does not accept responsibility for ensuring that all points of view are represented in any single exhibit.

How do you choose what is exhibit in the library?

All potential use of Exhibit Space shall be evaluated by criteria, which may include, but are not limited to:

Public Safety: The exhibit must not pose hazards or threats to public safety or public health and/or must not pose a potential liability for the City of San Diego in any other way.

Availability of Resources: The availability of Exhibit Space and necessary Library staff support. Preference will be given to exhibits that do not require an excessive outlay of City of San Diego resources.

Excellence: The level of exhibit quality and conceptual content.

Security: The nature of the proposed security measures for the exhibit.

Relationship to Exhibit Space: The scale and nature of the exhibit in connection with environmental, physical, and/or functional contexts, both existing and planned.

Content Considerations: Exhibit content should be appropriate in material, form and content for the library environment. In general, the Library does not accept exhibits of a purely commercial nature, unless they have a special educational, informational, or cultural value to the community. Materials advocating a particular vote on a candidate or ballot proposition may not be exhibited.

Associated Programming: Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in a lecture or demonstration during the show. Evaluation will consider willingness to prepare creative associated programming. Associated programming will be arranged in consultation with the Branch Manager.

Priority: Organizations and individuals based in San Diego or serving primarily San Diego residents, which have not used Exhibit Space within the past year, will be given priority.

Can I donate my artwork to the library?

You can donate your art to the City and request that the donation be installed in a Library. The City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture manages the acquisition of artworks through donations and loans. Each potential art acquisition is evaluated through a public process to

determine its relevance to the City's Civic Art Collection mission and scope. To have an artwork considered for inclusion in the Civic Art Collection please refer to the Commission's website: <http://www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture/publicart/tempexhibits.shtml>

What kind of wood are the floors in the Central Library Art Gallery?

Seriously, we get asked all the time! They are made from reclaimed plantation growth palms that have passed their fruit bearing years. By giving them a second life we are reducing the environmental impact.

Didn't find the answer to your question? Contact us at OnView@sandiego.gov.