

	<p>Policy Title Art Policy</p>	<p>Policy Number 4.2</p>
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I. **Purpose**

- a. The Camas Public Library aims to display a diverse range of artistic expression to enhance its physical environment. As space for display and storage is limited, as the staff is not trained in art conservation techniques, and as the acquisition of art is not one of the primary purposes of the Library, this policy outlines conditions and considerations under which art will be accepted by the Library.

II. **Donation of Artwork**

- a. Prospective art donations shall be submitted via digital image first. The images will be reviewed by the Library Director or designee for suitability.
- b. Donations are accepted without conditions set by the donor or artist.
- c. The Library reserves the right to accept or decline any donation.
- d. Artwork shall meet the criteria for selection.
- e. Accepted art becomes Library property and may be stored, removed, or undergo transfer of ownership at any time.
- f. Display is at the discretion of the Library; there is no guarantee of permanent display.
- g. Donors who wish to receive a tax credit are responsible for getting an appraisal.

III. **Criteria for Selection**

- a. The following criteria will be considered when accepting gifts of works of art. An item need not meet all the criteria to be acceptable.
- i. Artistic merit.
 - ii. Compatibility with the character of the Library.
 - iii. Available space for placement and exhibition.
 - iv. Prominence, authority and/or competence of artist.
 - v. Potential for public interest.
 - vi. Relation to existing artwork, collections, or community ties.
 - vii. Art must be durable, sound, non-hazardous, and maintainable in terms of the nature of the materials.
 - viii. Financial obligations for installation, plaques, and/or maintenance.

IV. **Request for Removal of Artwork**

- a. The Camas Library welcomes citizens' expressions of opinion concerning artwork displayed at the Library. Requests for removal will be considered by the Library within the context of this policy.
- b. The views expressed in the artwork collection at the Camas Library are those of the artists and not necessarily those of the Library, its staff or supporting organizations.

Approved by the Library Board of Trustees on
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