

West Hartford Public Library

POLICY MANUAL

Title: Public Art Policy

Adopted by the West Hartford Library Board, November 26, 2018

1. Unique, interesting or historically significant works of arts or crafts stems are displayed at the West Hartford Public Library facilities to stimulate appreciation and knowledge of arts and crafts in the West Hartford community served by the Library.
2. The scope of items for public display at the library facilities includes items owned by the library as well as those loaned to the library/Town of West Hartford. .
3. All works of art or craft items in the Library's permanent or exhibit holdings are considered an integral part of the library's collections. As such, the art collection will be managed like the other library collections with professional library staff responsible for curation. The Library Director will assign this responsibility to appropriate staff members. As with other collections, curation may involve decisions about including a specific item or a group of items that have been assembled with outside expertise. In either case, the library staff assigned the role of curation remains responsible for approving inclusion of an item or group of items for display.
4. Selection criteria include but are not limited to the following:
 - items reflecting community interests
 - unique local content
 - size of the artwork to be displayed
 - space requirements for viewing
 - length of time the work may remain on display
 - suitability for display (format, condition, value, subject or theme suitable for display area)
5. Artists whose works have been selected for temporary exhibits must adhere to the Gallery Exhibit Procedures.