

NWC Library and Learning Commons Exhibitions Policy

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Introduction

This policy defines the nature of the NWC Library and Learning Commons Exhibitions and the procedures for governing these exhibitions.

Scope

The NWC Library and Learning Commons is committed to presenting a high-quality exhibitions program that supports the teaching and research mission of the NWC. Preferences are given to exhibitions that connect to the NWC curriculum, faculty and student research, and campus organizations and events.

The NWC Library and Learning Commons affirms the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, which states, "Library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the Library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation."

The NWC Library and Learning Commons also supports the American Library Association's recommendation for Intellectual Freedom Principles for Academic Libraries, which states that "Freedom of information and of creative expression should be reflected in the Library exhibits and in all relevant Library policy documents."

The NWC Library and Learning Commons is committed to academic freedom. No censorship of exhibit materials will be imposed by the committee. However, materials that are judged by the committee to be defamatory, willfully false, obscene, blasphemous, inciting racial hatred, or discriminatory will not be approved. Additionally, exhibit spaces cannot be used for commercial or political purposes, for the solicitation of business, for profit or fundraising.

Committee

This policy is administered by a nine-member Exhibitions Committee that is comprised of the Library Director, Chief Information Officer, Head Archivist, Head of Reference, Writing Center Director, Dean of Students, Bookstore Manager, Café Manager, and Curator, NWC Museum. The committee is charged with overseeing all exhibitions in the Library and Learning Commons, including making procedural decisions related to exhibition spaces, content, installation, and security. *Any proposals to create new exhibits, exhibition spaces, or in any way change the look of the Learning Commons must be approved by this committee.*

Exhibition Areas

The following areas are the current and approved exhibition areas in the NWC Library and Learning Commons:

- Wall display outside the Reading Room, Naval Historical Collection, Mahan Hall
- Main Level, alcove adjacent to the main entrance, Henry E. Eccles Library
- Mid-level, five flat-deck archival exhibit cases
- Mid-level, four wall exhibit cases

The Exhibitions Committee must consider any requests to display in areas not currently included in the list of approved exhibitions areas.