



COMMUNITY INFORMATION POLICY

Purpose:

The Library maintains several outlets for community information, including but not limited to, bulletin boards, pamphlet displays, electronic displays, and a community information database. The purpose of this policy is to set guidelines for inclusion of information in these outlets.

Guidelines:

1. Only material from non-profit, charitable, or government-related agencies will be accepted, including such agencies sponsored by commercial organizations. Advertisements posted by individuals or groups not connected to any such agency are not permitted. For guidelines on paid advertising, please see the Sponsorship and Advertising Policy.
2. The Library displays and distributes certain free publications that meet the criteria of its Collection Development Policy, some of which are produced or distributed by commercial agencies. In these instances, the primary purpose of the publication must be to inform or enlighten, rather than to promote the producing agency.
3. Posting does not indicate Library endorsement. Materials that give medical or legal information are not intended to replace professional advice or services.

Equal access will be given to materials regardless of political, religious or moral affiliation or ideology.

4. Material that is deemed to promote hatred or discrimination against a particular group or individual, or that promotes illegal activity, or is in any way obscene, is not permitted.
5. Partisan political advertising is only permitted as paid advertising as per the Sponsorship and Advertising Policy. The CEO reserves the right to refuse any other posting that interferes with the political neutrality of the Library.
6. Space may be limited; therefore the Library reserves the right to remove materials at any time or limit the amount of space devoted to any one particular organization. Priority may be placed on organizations, services, and events located within York Region.
7. Information or postings must be submitted to Library staff for approval, posting, and subsequent removal. The Library reserves the right to remove unauthorized postings.
8. Ballot boxes, donation receptacles, petition sheets, and the like will not be accepted. The Library does not accept charitable donations on behalf of any third party organization except for the annual veterans' poppy campaign and any other arrangements specifically approved by the Board.

9. The Library assumes no responsibility for damage to materials, removal by a third party, or for returning materials after use.

10. The Library will make every effort to ensure that all eligible organizations and volunteer opportunities are included in its community service database.

Related policies

Program Policy

Room Rental Policy

Sponsorship and Advertising Policy

Collection Development Policy