

USE OF LIBRARY FACILITIES

Alpine Public Library Art and Exhibition Policy

Purpose

The Alpine Public Library is pleased to offer individuals, groups or organizations the opportunity to display their art/craft work or educational exhibits. The selected jury exhibitions will be on display for six weeks.

This policy is intended to encourage equitable access to artists in the Big Bend area.

This policy reflects the Board of Directors' belief that the library serves an important cultural role in the Big Bend area as a showcase for the works of artists and craftspeople.

Who may display works of art/crafts

Artists and craftspeople displaying work of original design and execution. Also in keeping with the library's role as an educational force, library display areas may also be used for educational and informational exhibits which may be sponsored by our schools, city and county departments, agencies and civic organizations.

Applications to display art may be submitted by individuals, groups, nonprofit organizations and schools. Individual, group, or theme-based shows will be considered, with one person from a group designated as the contact person. **In addition to the application exhibitor must include four (4) digital images of actual work to be displayed, in digital format suitable for printing. These photos may be included in press releases and displayed on the library's website, so author must hold the copyright or have the authorization to do so. Application and Release forms can be picked up at the library and delivered to the Alpine Public Library and email images to director@alpinepubliclibrary.com.** All work will be considered at the next jury committee meeting. Upon approval a list of pieces composing the exhibition with titles, sizes, media is required to be delivered to the library not later than one week before installation of the exhibit.

Goals of the exhibits

- To support community cultural and artistic activities.
- To encourage individuals to contribute to the community's appreciation of the arts
- To broaden viewer's horizons by presenting a wide range of art, collections or displays
- To nourish intellectual, aesthetic and creative growth
- To reach non-traditional library patrons.

Selection of Exhibits

All exhibits, whether generated by the public or the library staff will be considered in terms of the different categories listed below.

Responsibility for the selection of exhibits resides with the Alpine Public Library Art Committee consisting of the Library Director, members of the staff and Library Board.

In selecting exhibitions, The APL Library Art Committee is mindful that all segments of our community and all age groups use the library's facilities.

Jurying will take place on a quarterly basis to fill in the rotation of exhibits on the calendar.

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All exhibits will be for a six (6)-week period.

The Library does not accept responsibility for ensuring that all points of view are represented in any single display nor does the library imply endorsement of the opinions or viewpoints of the artist or exhibitor.

APL and ALA are supporters of the 1st Amendment's guarantee of freedom of speech. With this in mind, art must be deemed suitable for display in a public library. Works will not be accepted for display if the Library Art Committee judges that they will be found offensive by viewers were they to be exhibited, including:

- Graphic depictions of sexuality or violence
- Works that appear designed to ridicule deeply-held beliefs or to disparage others for their race, gender, sexual identity, ethnicity, nationality, etc. Since works of art are generally open to interpretation, it may be difficult to determine whether a work belongs in this category. Nonetheless, the Alpine Public Library may reject works it considers offensive for any reason.

When the APL Art Committee deems the art unsuitable, the Alpine Public Library Board of Directors will receive general notification and the artist may appeal the decision to the Board. The Board's decision is final.

The following categories will be considered when approving exhibits:

- Artist's original work
 - Subject, style and technique suitable for intended audience
 - Artistic expression
 - Historical or regional relevance
 - Appropriateness to special events, anniversaries, holidays, etc.
 - Relation to other events or exhibits in the community
 - Representation of an influential movement, genre, trend, or national culture
 - Attention of viewers and public
 - Ease of installation
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The Space

Alpine Public Library has limited wall space in two hallways, floor space on an open covered patio, and one glass display cabinet. Exhibits must conform to the space restrictions of the exhibit areas provided.

Wall space in the hallway between Rereads and the AEP Community Room (East Hallway) I,

Wall space in the hallway between the staff workroom and the small meeting room (West Hallway).

Glass display cabinet is located in the main section of the library.

Easel displays will be left to the staff for determining placement.

Secure outdoor covered patio has electrical outlets.

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Installation and removal

Upon approval of the exhibition, exhibitors need to provide advance biographical information, exhibit title and other necessary information, so that publicity for the exhibit can be prepared.

The artist, or designated contact person in the case of group exhibits, is responsible for installing and removing artwork at the agreed upon time during regular library hours.

Artists are responsible for ensuring artwork is ready for hanging (gallery wire). The artist will work with library staff to develop an effective exhibit. The actual hanging and removal will be the responsibility of the artist on dates agreed upon with the Library. Painting, prints, drawings and photographs must be suitably framed and wired. All wall art must be ready to hang (gallery wire). No nails, thumbtacks, adhesives, or tape may be used. Artists causing damage from exhibiting works will repair the damage or reimburse the Alpine Public Library, as determined by the Board of Directors. Artist will work with the library staff to determine the best easel placement as space is limited-artist is responsible for providing easels. Sculptures, 3D items, etc. that are too large for the glass display cabinet can be displayed out on the secure patio on the south side of the library. Outside display tables will be the responsibility of the artist.

Artist/groups who fail to remove artwork on or before the specified date may lose the opportunity to display in the future. Works left on display beyond the removal date will be taken down by staff. The Library is not responsible for damage or loss caused by staff removing art work. The Library will not provide storage for the property of exhibitors. Only a library representative can transfer an exhibition reservation to another artist.

Liability

The Alpine Public Library is not responsible for the safety and care of works on display. Because the display areas are not staffed or monitored, items are placed in the library at the owner's risk. The library cannot assume liability for lost, stolen, or damaged works of art. Owners are asked to check their own insurance policies as regards to theft or damage.

Art

Artists wishing to hold an opening or reception in conjunction with their exhibits must abide by the Alpine Public Library AEP Community Room policy for that event. The policy is attached. There is very limited space for food preparation with only a refrigerator and sink available.

Selling of art work during the exhibit

Alpine Public Library does not allow solicitation or selling of items in the library. All work must remain on display for the duration of the exhibit. Any sale arranged during the exhibit must take place outside the Library. The artist's name and contact information will be made available. No price tags may be affixed to the works exhibited or pricing lists distributed in the Library.

Attachments:

1. Application
2. Art Exhibit Release of Liability
3. List of items composing the exhibition with titles, sizes, media (to be delivered to the library not later than one week before installation of the exhibit)

Art Exhibition Release of Liability

Artists grants permission of exhibit organizers to reproduce his/her name, information describing his/her work, representations of his/her work and any other information he/she has provided for the purpose of display, promotion and publicity either now or in the future.

Artist agrees to display, pack, transport, and provide for the return of his/her artwork at his/her own risk and expense. If Artist is not available on-site to display, re-pack or re-transport his/her work, he/she give permission to exhibit organizers to do so on his/her behalf at his/her own risk and expense.

Release of Liability: The Alpine Public Library shall not be liable for any injury to Artist, their personnel, agents or employees or for any damage or loss of Artist's work, equipment or other personal property arising out of the above Art Exhibitions, the mounting and/or any other activities involved in the preparation and/or presentation of the Art Exhibitions. Artist agrees to assume all risk of damage to or loss of his/her own art from whatever cause. Artist further agrees to release and to hold harmless the Alpine Public Library, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents from any and all liabilities and damages to art work and/or persons as a result of any part of Artist's participation in the Exhibit.

Indemnification: Artist shall indemnify, save and hold harmless the Alpine Public Library, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents and the participating exhibition venues from any and all claims, demands, causes of action and judgments, losses, costs and expenses, including not limited to any attorney's fees, arising due to the negligence of Artist, their employees, agents or other personnel hereunder, including but not limited to any representation, warranty, term and/or condition of this Agreement.

Insurance: Artist shall be solely and exclusively responsible to insure properly and adequately their work and property.

Assignment: Neither party shall assign to transfer any of its rights or obligations under this agreement and any attempt to do so shall be void and of no effect.

Waiver and Effective Nullity: Waiver by either party of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any provision by such party at any time hereafter. The nullity of any provision hereunder shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions hereunder of the Agreement, which shall survive.

Name (Print) _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Home/Cell Telephone _____

Work Telephone _____

E-mail address _____

Please sign, date, and attach this Release to the Application and return them to the Alpine Public Library along with emailing four (4) digital images of actual work to be displayed and printable to director@alpinepubliclibrary.com.

Signature of Exhibitor _____ Date _____

Alpine Public Library
805 W. Ave E, Alpine, TX 79830
432-837-2621

Art Exhibit Application

Artist Name _____

Address _____

Home/Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Brief statement describing work, title of exhibit and, media and/or process of production

Area(s) needed for display (check all that apply)

_____ East Hallway

_____ AEP Community Room for
Opening/Reception

_____ West Hallway

_____ Covered Patio

_____ Glass Display Cabinet

I have received, read, and accept the Alpine Public Library's Art and Exhibition Policy and agree to abide by its policies and procedures. Furthermore, I am aware that I will be notified of acceptance and scheduling options in a timely manner after the next jury committee meeting.

Signature of Exhibitor _____

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Date _____

Alpine Public Library Exhibition
List of artwork/craftwork to be displayed.

Exhibit dates _____

Artist(s) _____

<u>Titles</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Media</u>
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