

## **Holiday Decoration and Display Policy**

The Library functions as an intellectual and cultural resource for the community. Holiday exhibits and decorations are a means through which the public can share experiences, appreciate special interests, and celebrate the diversity of the community.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for holiday displays within the Library to ensure inclusivity, respect for diversity, and alignment with the Library's mission to serve all members of the community.

Library staff will create displays that include the various holidays celebrated throughout the year, as long as the dominant theme or character of the display is secular and the decorations used have a secular meaning.

It is permissible to create displays showing secular seasonal holiday symbols such as Christmas trees, menorahs, and Kwanzaa candle holders in the interest of fostering understanding and respect for the rights of all individuals regarding their beliefs, values, and customs. Religious symbols or holiday decorations with religious content may not be displayed.

Such displays are deemed temporary and do not promote a particular religion but rather, reflect the diversity of beliefs and customs celebrated seasonally through the year. While input from patrons is always encouraged, the discretion for creating holiday displays resides solely with the Library and its staff, who shall seek to develop a balanced representation of different holidays throughout the year.

Adopted: August 19, 2024