

ADAMS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SECTION 4.410 – DISPLAY OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION (revised 4/12/06;revised 4/9/14)

The display of community information complements the library's mission of providing access to a wide range of information and viewpoints. Providing access to information can raise public awareness of issues and concerns, help people become better informed, and give them the tools necessary to form their own opinions.

PUBLIC USE OF BULLETIN BOARDS AND DISPLAY AREAS

Public Service Team Leaders may designate bulletin boards or display areas for use by individuals or community groups. Since not all library facilities have sufficient space to accommodate display activities, the determination of whether there shall be display space and the extent thereof shall be left solely to the discretion of individual Public Service Team Leaders.

In all libraries, however, bulletin board or display space shall be available only to individuals or organizations engaged in intellectual, charitable, civic, educational, cultural, or nonprofit activities. The library does not advocate or endorse the viewpoints of any group or individual. Although the library welcomes a broad spectrum of opinion and a variety of viewpoints, postings must meet community standards for good taste in presentation. Public Service Team Leaders shall determine the appropriateness of all material to be displayed.

Postings or displays planned by an individual or company to promote, advertise or lead to the sale of its products and services are only permitted in limited space, available on community bulletin boards, and may not exceed 8 ½ x 11 in size. Further, no petitions may be displayed, presented or solicited inside the libraries or on library property.

Individual libraries shall develop criteria regarding the size of material displayed and the length of time materials remain on bulletin boards or displays. Bulletin board and display materials are considered disposable and library staff may remove and discard as necessary.

In the case of materials of value, the library staff shall exercise caution and reasonable care. However, the library board shall not assume any financial liability for the loss of or damage to such materials. Therefore, individuals or groups seeking to display items of value shall agree to these conditions by signing a waiver, which releases the library board from any liability.

Where permitted, the use of bulletin board and display space is free of charge

VOTER INFORMATION

In cooperation with the local Adams County Board of Elections, the libraries provide residents with forms for Voter Registration.

To aid voters in becoming better informed about ballot issues, the library may accept for distribution literature of an informational nature that may represent various points of view. All such literature must clearly list the person(s) who are legally responsible for the content of the information.

The display or distribution of such materials does not imply endorsement by the library. The library assumes no responsibility for contacting individuals or organizations to provide such literature. The Public Service Team Leader of each library location will determine how and where such literature is displayed or distributed.

Materials may not exceed 8½ x 11 in size and the quantity to any library may not exceed 100 per delivery. All materials will be removed and discarded from display or distribution in each library on the day after the election. Campaign materials that are not informational literature (including, but not limited to, bumper stickers, yard signs, windows signs, and campaign buttons) will not be considered for display or distribution.

The Adams County Public Library may also include links to appropriate election information on the library's Web site. The library Webmaster shall determine the appropriateness of such information.