**BULLETIN BOARDS**

Cresco Public Library recognizes its role as a source of community information and will provide bulletin board space to notify the public of special local programs, events, and activities. This information is limited to non-profit organizations that cater to educational, cultural, intellectual, or charitable needs. Every attempt will be made to accommodate all eligible requests for display space.

Materials displayed or distributed in the Library do not constitute Library endorsement of the ideas, issues, or events promoted by those materials. The Library reserves the right to accept, reject, or request modifications to any materials displayed or exhibited.

The foundation upon which all access is built is the Library Bill of Rights first adopted by the American Library Association (ALA) in June of 1948 (Appendix A).

**Bulletin Boards will be used for the following types of information:**

1. Postings of forthcoming educational, social, civic, charitable, cultural, or recreational activities
2. Postings by nonprofit organizations, groups, agencies, or by any federal, state, or local government agency providing services to citizens
3. Postings announcing community services and volunteer opportunities
4. Nonpartisan election information

**Bulletin Boards may not be used for the following types of information:**

1. Commercial notices, solicitations, business cards, third-party job postings, and retail advertising
2. Personal notices of items for sale
3. Personal solicitations for fundraisers
4. Petitions
5. Materials that support or oppose any political candidate or ballot measure in accordance with Iowa Code
6. Materials that harass or intimidate any individual or any social, racial, or ethnic group

**Posting Guidelines:**

1. All postings must be approved by the Director or designated staff member.
2. All postings must be appropriate for viewing by all ages.
3. Due to limited space, priority is given to library and City of Cresco information, and items submitted by a Cresco Public Library patron, or resident of the City of Cresco or Howard County, Iowa.
4. The item is submitted to the library staff, thus releasing control of the item to the library.
5. Only one item may be posted per event.
6. Items shall not be posted on adjacent walls, windows, or doors
7. Materials posted or left for free distribution without approval will be discarded.
8. CPL reserve the right to provide space for announcements which provides information to visitors or residents on a continuing basis (crisis services, etc)
9. CPL assumes no responsibility for the preservation or protection of material posted or placed for free distribution.
10. Items will remain posted until the event has occurred or for a maximum of 4 weeks, as space allows.
11. Materials will not be returned.
12. All items must be identified with the name of the sponsoring person or organization and, if appropriate, the time and date of an event.
13. No outside organization or individual will be permitted to place in the Library any box or receptacle which solicits donations.
14. It is the submitter’s responsibility to assure websites and links referenced by the item conform to library policy during the time the item is displayed.
15. The submitter must notify the library staff if an item should be removed due to policy non-compliance.
16. All content must be in compliance with Federal Law, State of Iowa Law, and Iowa Hate Crimes Law.
17. Ridiculing or defaming content is prohibited from being displayed.

**Expressions of Concern**

The Cresco Public Library Director and the Board of Trustees welcome feedback from patrons. Any patron concerns will be handled promptly and courteously as detailed in the Materials Objection Policy.

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Appendix A:

**Library Bill of Rights**

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

I. Books and other 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.

II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.

IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.

V. A person’s right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.

VI. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

VII. All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use. Libraries should advocate for, educate about, and protect people’s privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information.

Adopted June 19, 1939, by the ALA Council; amended October 14, 1944; June 18, 1948; February 2, 1961; June 27, 1967; January 23, 1980; January 29, 2019.

Inclusion of “age” reaffirmed January 23, 1996.

**References**

"Library Bill of Rights", American Library Association, June 30, 2006. http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill (Accessed June 24, 2022). Document ID: 669fd6a3-8939-3e54-7577-996a0a3f8952

Iowa Code §68A.406 Campaign Signs – Yard Signs

2. *a.* Campaign signs shall not be placed in any of the following:

(1) Any property owned by the state or the governing body of a county, city, or other  
political subdivision of the state, including all property considered the public right-of-way. (. . .)

(2) Property owned, leased, or occupied by a prohibited contributor under section  
68A.503 unless the sign advocates the passage or defeat of a ballot issue or is exempted  
under subsection 1.