

Facilities Use

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I. FACILITIES USE

The Finney County Public library's mission is to engage the community, inspire lifelong learning, and provide universal access to a broad range of information, ideas, and entertainment. The following policy, governing the use of Library facilities, reflects this mission.

"Library facilities" refers to space in and around all buildings, including lobbies, meeting rooms, grounds, parking lots, and common areas.

The Library makes available public facilities, as defined in this policy, on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups. Library facility use does not constitute the Library's endorsement of the beliefs, ideas, or policies expressed by organizations or individuals using the space.

Library-sponsored programs and activities take precedence over other activities. Use of Library facilities by outside organizations or groups may not interfere with regular Library operations or services.

Facility users and Library customers must comply with the Library's Policies and all applicable laws.

The Library Director (or designee) reserves the right to refuse groups the use of Library facilities whenever, in the Library Director's (or designee's) best judgment, the use does not conform to this policy.

Groups/individuals using Library facilities may not approach customers while in Library facilities or on Library grounds. Communication between group representatives and the public is permitted when initiated by the public. No donations may be required or solicited by these groups/individuals.

Finney County and the Library are not liable for damages caused to the user or his or her property while using Library facilities, Finney County and the Library will be held harmless from any liability to third parties for injury caused by the group, or any persons or groups, while using Library facilities.

I. DISPLAYS AND EXHIBITS

Display cases and exhibit areas are used for Library-sponsored displays, which inform the public of the wide range of issues, events, and interests within the community.

The posting or distribution of a particular item does not indicate that the Library endorses any organization, cause, or activity.

II. PUBLIC ART

Library-sponsored temporary exhibits, curated by staff, provide a venue for local artists to exhibit work. This will be done through a partnership with Garden City Arts.

III. HANDOUTS AND BULLETIN BOARDS

The Library provides a community bulletin board for the posting of community activities and events as well as public service notices of educational, cultural or community interest. The Library does not imply endorsement of the events or services advertised. The Director will be responsible for the appearance and timeliness of items posted on public bulletin boards. All flyers/handouts must be turned in at the circulation desk. The Library Director (or designee) will review and approve all flyers before they are posted. The Library reserves the right to decline a posting, or to remove any posting.