

Camden County Library District Policy Manual

Section 2. Operating Policies.

Subsection 28. Library Displays Policy

The Camden County Library District provides public displays on diverse topics for various audiences. To comply with Missouri Regulation 15 CSR 30-200.015, the district will give suggested age ranges on displays where practical.

Displays of items will be in or near the collection areas appropriate by age, i.e., adult books will be displayed near the adult collections, J books will be displayed near the J collection, E-books will be displayed near the E collection, etc. For definitions of the collections, see the Selection Policy. Books in lobbies and near circulation desks will be appropriate for all ages to view. No age-inappropriate displays will be placed in any youth-oriented areas. Age-appropriate is defined in the Selection Policy.

In compliance with 15 CSR 30-200.015, any parent or guardian of a minor within the library district may dispute or challenge the library's age-appropriateness of any display by the Library District. Challenges to displays by outside groups using library facilities must be taken to the outside group, as the Library District may not bar groups from using library facilities due to content due to 1st Amendment considerations. Outside group displays must comply with all library policies. All displays must comply with all local, Missouri, and Federal laws. Outside groups must affix an age range to any display held in library facilities or on library property

Challenges to the age-appropriateness of library displays must be submitted on the form provided. The form must be filled out in full to be accepted. Challenges are then given to the Board of Library Trustees at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Challenges to library displays become a part of the public record and are not subject to library privacy laws. The results of the challenges will be published on the library website to comply with 15 CSR 30-200.

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