

ELLSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY FOR GIFTS OR PURCHASES OF ARTWORK

The Library board under guidance of the Art Acquisition Committee and Library Director will consider prospective gifts and/or purchases of artwork in order to determine the appropriateness for inclusion in the Ellsworth Public Library collection. The Library Board will manage the Art Acquisition Fund as a separate entity from the general budget.

Work will be considered based on the following criteria:

- Artwork acquired by the Ellsworth Public Library should be of sufficiently high artistic merit to warrant inclusion in the Library collection. This generally requires that the works be unique pieces created by artists of established reputation or recognized potential.
- Artwork should be compatible with the character of the Library.
- Artwork must be durable, sound, non-hazardous, and maintainable in terms of the nature of the materials.
 - An exception to this could be made in the case of works that are specifically time-based or of a temporary nature when it is understood that their installation would be of limited duration.

The Art Acquisition Committee and the Director of the Ellsworth Public Library will consider all artwork offered as a gift to Ellsworth Public Library. In addition to the criteria above, the Committee will consider the significance of artwork as it relates to the library's presence within the community.

Ellsworth Public Library will provide recognition for financial support or gifts of art to the Library. Appropriate recognition will be determined through consultation with the donor and will generally be consistent with the recognition given to library donors. Display of accepted artwork is at the discretion of the Ellsworth Public Library. There is no obligation for display.

DE-ACQUISITION OF ARTWORK

The Ellsworth Public Library will work to retain all works accepted as gifts or purchased through the Art Acquisition Fund, but does retain the right to de-acquisition any items if it is seen to be in the best interest of the Library. Any de-acquisition would have to be approved by the Ellsworth Public Library Board.

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF ARTWORK

The Library welcomes citizens' expressions of opinion concerning artwork displayed at the library. Requests to remove materials will be considered within the context of the policies set forth in this document. Anyone who wishes to request that a specific item be reconsidered for

inclusion in the collection of materials is asked to complete and sign the Request for Reconsideration Form, available at the Ellsworth Public Library. The form will be forwarded to the Art Acquisition Committee, who will consider the request in a timely fashion, in consultation with the Library Director. The questioned material will be reviewed, in its entirety, and once a decision has been made regarding the retention or removal of the material, a letter will be sent to the person, explaining the decision. If the person indicates dissatisfaction with the resolution, he/she may appeal to the Library Board. The Board will reconsider the decision based on whether or not the particular artwork conforms to the Board-approved Art Policy, as outlined above.

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