

## **Art Policy**

**Authority: Library Advisory Board**

**History: Adopted by the Newberg Library Board on November 16, 2023**

### **Artwork Committee**

The Artwork Committee will be made up of one Library Board member, the Library Director and 3 other library staff. Artwork will be selected by the committee based on the criteria for selection and by a majority vote. The Artwork Committee will meet as needed.

### **Criteria for Selection**

General criteria for selecting library artwork is listed below. An item need not meet all of the criteria in order to be acceptable.

- Artistic merit
- Contemporary significance, popular interest or permanent value
- Prominence, authority and/or competence of artist
- Attention of critics and reviewers
- Potential for public interest
- Timelessness of material
- Related to existing collections and exhibitions
- Statement of challenging, original or alternative point of view
- Authenticity of historical, regional or social setting
- 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.

### **Gifts of Artwork**

The Artwork Committee will consider all artwork offered as a gift to the Newberg Public Library. In addition to the criteria above, the Artwork Committee will take into consideration the significance of the artwork as it is related to the library's presence in the community.

Newberg Public Library will provide recognition to all individuals, groups and/or corporations who donated services, financial support or gifts of art to the library. Appropriate recognition will be determined through consultation with donors and will generally be consistent with the recognition given to library donors. Display of accepted artwork is at the discretion of the Newberg Library Artwork Committee. There is no obligation of display.

### **De-Acquisition of Artwork**

The Newberg Public Library will strive to retain all accepted gifts, but does retain the right to de-acquisition any items if it is seen to be in the best interest of the library.

### **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 of Library Materials form.

The form will be forwarded to the Library Director, who will consider the request in a timely fashion. 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, they may appeal to the Library Board. The Board will reconsider the decision based on whether or not the particular title conforms to the Board-approved Art Policy, as outlined above.