



Art Acquisition & Display Policy

Purpose

To enhance community appreciation of the arts, support local artists, and meet one of the library's main goals to provide cultural experiences, the DeWitt Community Library provides selected pieces of artwork to display in public access areas throughout the library facility. This policy outlines the criteria of how artwork is selected, as well as the acceptance of any artwork as a donation.

Criteria

The following conditions will be considered as part of the decision to accept gifts of works of art:

- Reputation of the artist and the artist's relation to DeWitt and the surrounding area
- Quality, size, condition, and media of art
- Inclusion of copyright permission for the artwork
- Timeliness of the material
- Monetary value, should the work be accepted for the purposes of auction or sale
- If the library has an adequate/acceptable space to install the art piece.

Works of art that include potentially hazardous features (i.e. works with sharp edges or heavy unstable objects) or works of art that require extensive, regular special care or conservation will not be accepted.

The Library Board of Trustees must approve receipt of any works of art and hold the right to refuse or reject any donation. Generally, artwork will only be accepted if the work is of local interest and/or the content is related to DeWitt or the surrounding area. All gifts of artwork to the library are tax deductible. The artist will be asked to provide a valuation of their gift.

Ownership

Gifts made to the DeWitt Community Library become a permanent part of the library facility, and no conditions may be imposed relating to any item after its donation/acceptance. Property may be retained, loaned, displayed, reproduced, sold, donated, or deaccessioned at any time at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees.

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