

Public Bulletin Board Policy

Purpose

In its role as a center of community information, the Ferndale Public Library supports the free flow of information and exchange of ideas. The FPL therefore provides bulletin boards in its facilities for individuals and groups in the community to announce events and services that are of general and current interest. Notices may only be posted on designated bulletin boards. Notices may be posted within limitations of space and according to the following guidelines. Notices not complying with these guidelines and those listed below will be removed.

The community bulletin boards at the Ferndale Public Library may be used for posting the following types of information:

- Materials from the Ferndale Public Library, the Friends of the Ferndale Library, and the City of Ferndale
- Flyers, brochures, announcements, schedules or postings of forthcoming or continuing educational, social, civic, charitable/nonprofit, cultural, or recreational activities, or by any federal, state, or local government agency.
- Library staff must approve and post all notices, posters, and brochures.
- Library staff may remove notices. Once notices are removed, they are discarded & recycled.
- Notices posted or left on tables without authorization will be removed and discarded immediately.
- Oversized posters may be rejected because of space limitations.
- If the bulletin board is crowded, the library reserves the right to select notices for events with the widest appeal.
- The Ferndale Public Library does not assume responsibility for materials damaged or stolen.
- Items that do not meet the above criteria, such as commercial, personal, or election or campaign notices or petitions, will not be posted.
- Notices advocating fraud or unlawful actions or notices the library considers to be inappropriate are not permitted.
- Acceptance of materials for display does not imply the library's endorsement of a group or organization, its policies or beliefs.

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