

Displays, noticeboards and distribution of non-library materials policy

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Christchurch City Libraries values the free sharing and expression of ideas and knowledge in its mission:

“Christchurch City Libraries supports the cultural, economic and social well-being of Christchurch and its people. Working in partnership with Tangata Whenua and local communities, we provide quality resources and services that meet residents’ needs for knowledge, recreation and information”.

In support of the Library’s purpose - to inform, educate, entertain and inspire - non-library materials can be distributed and displayed at all libraries. Space is provided for individuals and groups to promote their activities and/or express their opinions to members of the community.

However, material must comply with the regulations below. Also, when partisan information that presents only one dimension of an issue is displayed or distributed, the Library may choose to display information that ensures customers can access and assess other perspectives. The Library will display a disclaimer that the views expressed in the material are not those of the Library or the Christchurch City Council.

Regulations

1. Material must indicate the name of the responsible group or individual with a contact address or phone number.
2. The following materials are **not** accepted for distribution or display:
 - Anything that incites people to break the law
 - Anything that uses language or images that will generally be considered racist, obscene or indecent.
 - Party political material
 - Supermarket specials’ leaflets or any advertising that is suitable for classified advertising and/or Buy Sell or Exchange (there are other avenues for advertising these products and Library space is limited)
 - Advertising for things like babysitting or flatmates (again there are other avenues)
 - Notices that involve ‘soliciting’
 - Material that is defamatory
3. The Library can limit the duration of the distribution or display of materials should there be space restrictions.
4. The Library does not accept liability for any damage to, or theft of, materials.
5. The Library can remove from display or distribution any materials that are no longer current (e.g. promotion for, or petition against, a past event)

6. The Library will not be responsible for returning any materials left over after distribution or display. Collection is the responsibility of the responsible person or group.
7. The Library acknowledges the LIANZA statement on Displays in public libraries (1978).