

LITERATURE DISPLAY AND DISTRIBUTION

Lincoln Township Public Library adheres to the principle that the Library is the institution in our society which provides materials representing all points of view in all fields including political, social, and religious no matter how controversial or objectionable these views may be to some people.

To support this basic principle, and to foster positive relationships within the community, the following policy has been established:

1. Informational material of public interest from nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and governmental agencies may be displayed or distributed in the library where space is available. Material for display or distribution will be permitted at the discretion of the Director. The primary purpose of such material must be to inform the public of the organization's programs, services and events.

Examples include:

Lincoln Township Public Library fundraising materials:

- Friends of the Library materials;
- promotional materials for cultural organizations such as the ballet, orchestra, museums and theater groups;
- special event fliers for nonprofit organizations from Lincoln Township and neighboring communities; and
- local magazines and newspapers that are distributed free of charge and have received prior approval from Lincoln Township Public Library.

2. Prior to an election, the library may have available, on an equal basis, voter information and campaign literature about political candidates appearing on local ballots. Any materials that directly or indirectly make reference to an election or a candidate must be removed prior to Election Day if within 100 feet of any entrance to a polling place or in a hallway used by voters to enter or exit a polling place.

3. Prior to an election, campaign material relating to ballot issues may be placed in the library for display and/or distribution to the public. If there is formal opposition to a ballot issue, equal consideration shall be given. Campaign materials that directly or indirectly make reference to a ballot issue must be removed prior to Election Day if located within 100 feet of any entrance to a polling place or in a hallway used by voters to enter or exit a polling place.

4. Petitions may not be displayed or circulated in library buildings except as permitted by local municipal ordinance.