## **Mastics Moriches Shirley Community Library Art Exhibit Policy**

The purpose of art exhibits and displays in the Mastics Moriches Shirley Community Library (MMSCL) shall be for the enhancement of cultural, educational, and recreational pursuits of the Library within the scope of its mission statement. The Library reserves the right to determine what displays will be accepted as well as which pieces shall be exhibited The Library does not censor work. However, artists should be mindful that the gallery is a public area through which children and adults from our community regularly walk.

## Purpose:

To promote the MMSCL services, collections and/or programs.

To highlight current issues, historical information, events or other subjects of community interest.

To gain the community's appreciation of the importance of the arts through exhibitions and displays representing the diverse talent which exists within the community.

## **Guidelines:**

Exhibitor must complete an application for use of the exhibit space and/or display case. Preference is to be given to exhibitors who possess a current MMSCL card in good standing. Exhibits and displays sponsored by MMSCL will take precedence over individual requests.

Exhibition time is for a one-month period beginning the first of the month.

Exhibitor must provide the Library an inventory list of all items to be displayed.

All art pieces to be displayed must be hung using the library's art hanging system, and must be framed and/or mounted as appropriate and suitable for safe display using wire and D-Style Hangers. Exhibitor must supply all labor involved in hanging and removal of the exhibit. Under no circumstances may the exhibitor place nails, thumbtacks or hooks into the walls of the Library or utilize screw eyes or saw tooth hangers. Exhibitor must install and take down artwork exhibited at a predetermined time to be agreed upon by the Library and Exhibitor. Exhibit must comply with all fire regulations.

Exhibitor must remove all displayed items before the first day of the next month. There is no storage space available. The Library may not grant future exhibitions of the artist if items are not retrieved after one day subsequent to the assigned reservation period.

The MMSCL will not act as intermediary in the sale of artwork. Prices may not be displayed but the artist may supply contact information. No transaction for the purchase or sale of display items may be done on the premises. Should a piece of art work be

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sold prior to the end of the exhibition month, the piece should not be removed. A solid dot or sticker may be placed on the frame of any sold piece.

The MMSCL reserves the right to publicize all exhibits which may include but not be limited to the library's newsletter, website and social media.

The MMSCL assumes no responsibility for the theft of or damage to items in an exhibit or display nor does the Library provide insurance. The Exhibitor shall hold the Library harmless from any loss or damage to items accepted for exhibit or display.

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