

DISTRIBUTION OF NON-LIBRARY INFORMATION

Policy Statement:

In support of its role as a community information center, Manhattan Public Library maintains distribution space (a pamphlet rack, bulletin board, and shelf space) that may be used by non-profit, non-commercial organizations or groups, which share the library's goal of serving the educational, cultural, and civic needs of the community and surrounding area. (See Policy MNG-9 Displays)

Definitions:

Informational materials may include flyers, notices, pamphlets, posters, and newsletters.

Regulations:

1. The Adult and Teen Services Department is responsible for the appearance of the adult and teen public service areas, including displays, exhibits, and community information brochure racks and bulletin boards. The Adult and Teen Services Manager will approve all non-library informational materials to be put out for the public.
2. The Children's Services Department is responsible for the appearance of the Children's Room, including displays, exhibits, and community information brochure racks and bulletin boards. The Children's Services Manager will approve all non-library informational materials to be put out for the public.
3. The library reserves the right to deny permission to distribute material that is in conflict with this policy.
4. The library reserves the right to determine where and how information will be displayed or distributed. Information is posted at the discretion of library staff and subject to limits of space and time. Information may not be distributed on library grounds, outside the building.
5. The library is unable to accept responsibility for direct, regular distribution of informational materials.
6. The library is not liable for the preservation, protection, or possible damage or theft of any materials.
7. Posting of notices and distribution of material does not imply endorsement by the Manhattan Public Library.
8. No organization or individual will be permitted to circulate or post petitions, or to solicit funds or donations for any purpose.

9. The name of the sponsoring organization or agency should be clearly identified on the materials being distributed.
10. Informational materials to be posted and/or distributed should be of an educational, cultural, recreational, or philanthropic nature, or should supply non-partisan information about the city, county, government, or community.
11. Information about events, opportunities, and services that charge fees may be posted in the library for distribution if the organization or agency offering them is non-profit and non-commercial.
12. Materials that promote or advocate particular religious organizations or beliefs or specific political groups, issues, or candidates are not accepted.
13. Announcements of events and services offered by local religious organizations, school organizations, local non-profit organizations or agencies, or local governmental bodies may be accepted.
14. No informational material may be placed or removed on the display racks, display shelves, or bulletin board except by authorized library staff in accordance with this policy. Unauthorized non-library materials that are posted or placed in the library will be discarded. Unauthorized removal of items may result in the loss of library privileges.