

Art Exhibition Policy for the University Libraries

Mission: The University Libraries (UL) serves the University of Memphis community by providing access to information services and resources in a welcoming, innovative, and stimulating environment. Toward that end, art exhibit spaces have been created in McWherter Library. The goal of these exhibit spaces is to foster a sense of discovery through visual media that encourages both cultural and intellectual growth in support of the UL's educational mission.

Purpose: The UL art exhibit spaces are intended for temporary exhibitions that give voice to diverse talents of the UofM community, including students, faculty, and staff.

Space: Wall space measuring 6'x 7' is available for 2-dimensional work only in McWherter Library in *the sandbox*. creatorspace on 1st floor and by entry landings on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors.

Selection Process: The UL reserves the right to decline the display of any proposed artwork without cause. In accordance with the [University Libraries' Display Policy](#), proposals from organizations and individuals outside of the UL must support the educational mission of the UL and aid in creating a sense of community. Proposals can be emailed to the Library Art Task Force (lib_art_task@memphis.edu) who will make decisions in collaboration with the Executive Director of the UL, who has the final say on all proposals. All inquiries and questions should be addressed to the Library Art Task Force.

Exhibition Procedures:

- All exhibitors must sign the [Art Exhibition Loan Agreement](#) form prior to any art being displayed. The UL does not assume responsibility for any loss, theft, or damage to pieces being exhibited, nor does it offer any insurance for said items. All lending of pieces is done at the risk of the exhibitor, who assumes full responsibility for any loss of or damage to their items.
- Exhibitions are temporary and length of time will vary in accordance with the Art Exhibition Loan Agreement.
- Artists should contact the UL Administration Office to be connected with appropriate personnel to assist with the installation of artwork. The UL will not provide frames or other hanging materials beyond hooks on which to hang art.
- Artists are responsible for bringing items to and picking up items from McWherter Library in accordance with the Arts Exhibition Loan Agreement.
- Placement of art is at the discretion of UL personnel.
- The UL does not engage in sales, referrals for sale, nor appraisals.

Publicity: The UL will advertise exhibits on the Libraries website and events calendar, as well as through social media platforms.

Contact Information: For questions please email the Library Art Task Force, lib_art_task@memphis.edu