

River Falls Public Library Public Bulletin Board Policy

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There are two public bulletin boards, one located in each of the vestibules of the library lobby. These two bulletin boards are available to the public for posting information of interest to the community, with the primary intent of giving notice of upcoming community events, classes and programs.

When the public library invites the community to use spaces within the library (including public bulletin boards), the library upholds the First Amendment. Amendment I to the United States Constitution prevents the government from making laws which abridge the freedom of speech.

The library subscribes to the principles set forth in the American Library Association's Bill of Rights (VI) which states that access to these spaces "should be made available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use."

The library is not required to post all submitted notices, nor is it required to post notices relating to "both" or "all" sides of political, commercial, and organizational issues. Posted information does not constitute endorsement by the library.

RULES FOR USE

- All notices must be submitted to library staff for approval and posting.
- Bulletin boards will be checked weekly by staff so that new notices can be posted and outdated notices can be removed.
- All notices for community events, classes and programs must clearly state the date/time of the activities.
- No organization or individual will be granted permanent display status with open ended invitations or information.
- Due to the limited size of the bulletin boards, oversize posters cannot be accepted for display.
- Pull-off tabs on notices will be removed by staff due to the enclosed nature of the boards.