



Edward G. Miner Library

Curatorial Criteria for Exhibits

Miner Library offers exhibit space to faculty, staff, students, and alumni of the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC) and its off-campus sites. Secondary priority is given to faculty, staff, students, and alumni whose primary affiliation is with other University of Rochester campuses (i.e., River Campus, Eastman School, etc.). In addition, members of the greater Rochester area are invited to exhibit if their work is congruous with the URMC's mission of improving health through caring, discovering, teaching, learning, and community outreach.

All fields of visual and literary art are welcome. Formats not lending themselves to wall-mount exhibition in a public space may be more suitable for the library's more secure display case(s).

Considerations for Exhibitors

Artists interested in the exhibition space are invited to contact the gallery administrator at any time.

The Edward G. Miner Library provides no budget for exhibitions. All expenses (for example, framing) are the responsibility of the artist.

Publicity services in the form of on-campus announcements and postings (including library and campus-wide Web sites and newsletters) are provided. Additional assistance with writing and coordinating Press Releases through Medical Center Public Relations can be discussed.

Artists are requested to submit:

- slides and/or photographs of their work;
- a brief autobiography, art resumé, or short narrative statement.

A meeting with a prospective artist is required. Every effort will be made to schedule a time convenient for the artist.

Collaborative preselection of artwork by artist and gallery administrator is made according to curatorial criteria, with respect given to artist's preferences.

Installation of artwork must be coordinated with the time of retrieval of work of the previous exhibition, and not interfere with the access of library patrons.

Unless the artist expressly elects to maintain his/her own insurance coverage, University of Rochester will insure the artwork "wall-to-wall" under its fine-arts policy. (The artist must complete a Loan Agreement with the gallery administrator.)

Exhibition periods are from 2 to 3 months.

Miner Library provides picture hooks and mounting tools, including hammer, level, and tape measure.

For the enjoyment of the viewer and a deeper appreciation of the subject matter, title labels are requested for each piece of artwork.

An invitational opening at the artist's expense is optional but usually can be arranged.

Gallery Description and Measurements

The exhibit space is located along both sides of a corridor between the "commons" area of the library and the historic reading room. The corridor measures 81" (6' 9") wide.

The pervading color scheme is neutral (mauve and grey).

Each side of the corridor is divided into four display areas:

- The display areas each measure 90" wide by 42" high (vertical measurement begins at the top of a wooden ledge, 36" from the floor, and ends just beneath a light fixture).
- The indirect lighting extends the full width of each display area.
- Display areas are divided by 12"-wide columns.
- Walking toward the reading room, the last display area on the right side has only 75" of usable horizontal space (15" of space along the left vertical margin is permanently occupied by a series of 7 light switches).
- The display areas are covered with fabric, similar in texture and appearance to burlap.

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