

WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

VIEWING ART AND EXPLICIT IMAGES IN THE LIBRARY POLICY

It is acceptable for library patrons to view nude art images in books or on adult public access computers in the library as long as the images aren't displayed in a manner that sexually harasses or sexually intimidates other library patrons or staff.

It is unacceptable for library staff or patrons to display sexually explicit pictures, posters, or computer images in the library.

Please see the library's Personnel Policy – Section 703 – Sexual Harassment and the library's Patron Conduct Policy.

DEFINITIONS

NUDE ART (acceptable)

- Does not provoke erotic sensuality
- Nude person merely a representation on behalf of humanity in general
- Represents serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value

SEXUALLY EXPLICIT IMAGES (unacceptable)

(explicit: leaving nothing implied, fully & clearly expressed)

- Visual Images
 - Images that invoke a sexual response from the viewer
 - Intended to cause sexual excitement and/or erotic satisfaction
 - Depiction of act in a sensational manner so as to arouse a quick intense emotional response
 - Sexually suggested poses
 - Looking wantonly (immoral, unchaste, lewd, lustful)
 - Invoking erotic arousal
 - Limbs askew (turned or twisted position)
 - Physical act focus
 - Is not literary, artistic, educational or scientific in nature
 - Creates a hostile workplace environment for staff
- Obscene* Writings designed to stimulate sexual excitement
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- Obscene* Photos designed to stimulate sexual excitement
- Obscene* Films designed to stimulate sexual excitement

*Obscene: Offensive to accepted standards of decency or modesty; repulsive; disgusting.

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