CITY OF COPPELL LIBRARY OPERATING PROCEDURE

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Mission:

The purpose of promoting events at the Cozby Library and Community Commons is to:

- Promote and support the educational, cultural, recreational, and informational mission of the library.
- Promote and support the Coppell City Council, City Boards and Commissions, and City Departments.
- Provide opportunities, as space permits, for distributing information and/or announcements of an educational, cultural, informational, or religious nature from non-profit organizations that are targeted to the Coppell community.

To ensure its fair and orderly use, the following guidelines apply to non-profit organizations that wish to distribute information. The library, Friends of the Coppell Library, and the City of Coppell are largely exempt from these guidelines.

General:

- 1. Materials falling under these guidelines may only be retained for distribution in designated areas.
- 2. Opportunities to distribute information and announcements may be made available to:
 - Non-profit organizations (see above),
 - Governmental, tax-supported units serving City of Coppell residents,
 - City of Coppell Home Owners' Associations on file in the Planning and/or City Secretary's Departments.
- 3. Distribution of information and announcements does not constitute or imply endorsement of any group, its policies, or activities by the City of Coppell or by the library.
- 4. Items distributed must fit in the space allowed. Brochures should be sized no larger than 4" x 9" and fliers sized no larger than 9" x 12".
- 5. Only materials pertinent to library operations, hours, or activities will be posted on the library doors and/or windows.
- 6. Permission to distribute will not be granted to:
 - Anonymous notices or those that do not clearly indicate the identification of the individual, group, or agency involved.
 - Announcements and/or advertisements of a commercial or personal nature, such as want ads, lost & found notices, or business opportunities.
 - Materials that promote and/or oppose political candidates, parties, or advocacy of issues pertaining to a public election ballot.
 - Newspapers and magazines

- 7. The library does not permit petitioning, soliciting, or distributing literature and/or leaflets, or similar types of appeals by members of the public within the library building. Materials asking library patrons to sign a petition or letter are not permitted. Boxes and/or receptacles, which solicit donations, are also not permitted unless sponsored by the Library or the City of Coppell.
- 8. The library assumes no responsibility for preservation or protection of materials.

Removal of Materials:

- 1. Designated library staff are responsible for removal of materials. Materials will be discarded; they will not be returned to the individual or agency.
- 2. Materials will be removed:
 - If they do not follow the guidelines for distribution listed above,
 - If tattered, worn, or in otherwise poor condition,
 - After 30 days or the date of the event, whichever comes first.
 - As space requires
- 3. Materials may be removed at any time at the discretion of the library staff. The staff reserves the right to limit size and/or quantity of items as well as the frequency of display.
- 4. Library staff will check the designated areas on an ongoing basis to ensure that materials are removed in a timely and appropriate manner.