

Statement of Concern on the Use of Floor in Libraries' Public Areas

SRRT recognizes that the US flag ordinarily is appropriately proudly and respectfully displayed according to custom and law in libraries, public institutions. The display of the flag is a formal matter which is meant to

However, the aggressive display of numbers and in an unusual manner might be taken other things, institutional endorsement of current US governmental policies.

Privileging symbolic speech in possible support of governmental policies tends to undermine the library as a place of thought and compromise. The neutrality of in-library spaces. Unusual displays may create an intimidating atmosphere for library users who may be deterred in their request for assistance. SRRT urges libraries to be sensitive to these concerns.

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