SANTA CRUZ
PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Commemorative Flag Policy

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PURPOSE:

This Policy shall guide the outdoor display of commemorative flags at the branch locations for the Santa Cruz Public Libraries.

In adopting this policy, the Library Joint Powers Board declares that Santa Cruz Public Libraries' flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression of the public, but rather for the display of Federal, State and City flags, and any commemorative flags authorized by the Library Advisory Commission (LAC).

GUIDANCE:

Commemorative Flags

1. For purposes of this Policy, the term "commemorative flag" shall mean any flag that identifies with a specific date, historical event, cause, nation or group of people, whereby the Library honors or commemorates the date, event, cause, nation or people by displaying the flag.
2. The Library's Flagpoles are not a forum for free expression for or by the public.
3. The Library shall display commemorative flags only if approved by the LAC.
4. Commemorative flag displays are an expression of the Library's official sentiments and must be consistent with the Library's mission and Strategic Plan.
5. Commemorative flags shall be authorized for display for a period of time that is reasonable or customary for the ceremony or the subject to be commemorated, but no longer than 31 continuous days.
6. Commemorative flags will be flown in accordance with all applicable provisions of federal and state laws.