

Petitions & Solicitations

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Policy:

Public solicitation of signatures for the purposes of a petition, distribution of literature or leaflets by individuals or organizations, canvassing, surveying and similar types of direct appeals by members of the public is only permitted in the foyer area of the Library, under the guidelines listed below. Such activities should not interfere with patrons or staff accessing the library entrances or services. We seek to balance the constitutional rights of citizens and organizations with the rights of library customers and staff when using public space.

Regulations:

- A. Anyone wishing to solicit signatures for a petition or leaflet must inform the Library Administrative office during normal business hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday) of their desire and intent to solicit signatures for a petition.
- B. The library shall supply the petitioner with a table and chair, and designate the area of the lobby where petitioning may take place. The library can only accommodate one petitioner's table at a time. This petitioner shall not block, hinder or otherwise impede patrons and staff wishing to exit or enter the building, nor seek to intimidate persons entering or exiting the building into signing a petition or accepting a leaflet.
- C. In the event that more than one person wishes to use the library lobby in this way at the same time, the table will be assigned by Library Administration on a first-come, first served basis. If the lobbying is to take place on more than one day, the Library will require that the petitioners take turns.
- D. No leafleting or distribution of literature, or solicitation is permitted for the purposes of selling items, renting apartments or other for-profit activities, nor for not-for-profit fund raising activities.

Any person who does not abide by the conditions stated above or creates a nuisance such that the regular business of the Library is disrupted shall be required to immediately cease all activities relating to solicitation for a petition or leafleting and to leave the Library premises immediately under the provisions of the Library's Public Behavior Policy.