

Service Policy 438

Policy on Circulating Petitions

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The Library is a place for reading, study, and quiet contemplation. The solicitation of petition signatures within the Library building (except the lobby) is not compatible with the purpose and function of the Library building. Accordingly, the solicitation of petition signatures is not permitted within the Library building (except the lobby).

Groups or individuals may solicit petition signatures only within the lobby of the Library building or outside the Library building on Library parking lots, walkways, or other Library grounds provided that: 1) when soliciting petitions outside the Library building, they remain at least ten (10) feet from any entrance to the Library building, 2) when soliciting petitions within the lobby, they remain at least ten(10) feet from the exterior Library doors and at least ten (10) feet from the doors from the lobby into the interior of the building, 3) they do not block or impede the access to the Library building by the public or Library staff, 4) they do not willfully annoy or harass persons entering the Library or interfere with the ability of persons to use the Library in a safe and non-threatening environment, 5) they do not interfere with the use of the Library building (such as by excessive noise or other disturbance), 6) they do not engage in littering, and 7) they do not otherwise violate the Patron Rules and Responsibilities or local, state, or federal laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances. Petitioners shall not leave personal items unattended while circulating petitions.

Violations of this Policy shall be deemed a violation of the Patron Rules and Responsibilities and shall be subject to the same provisions and procedures for violations as set forth in the Patron Rules and Responsibilities.