

Petitioning, Solicitation and Distribution of Literature on District Property

The Library does not allow petitioning, solicitation, distribution of literature or leaflets, canvassing or similar types of appeals by members of the public within the facility. Failure to comply will result in suspension of library privileges.

Bulletin board displays are regulated by a different policy. Limited exceptions for petition, solicitation or distribution do not constitute endorsement by the library.

Petitioning, solicitation and distribution of literature is allowed in the following circumstances:

1. Petitions are allowed only in the context of scheduled meetings in library meeting rooms. Petitioners may not stand outside the library meeting rooms.
2. Solicitation by authors is only allowed in the context of scheduled meetings in library meeting rooms, not outside the library meeting rooms.
3. Distribution of literature is allowing only in the context of scheduled meetings in library meeting rooms, not outside the library meeting rooms.
4. Groups or individuals who wish to petition, solicit, canvass or distribute literature to the public outside of the facility will be limited to public sidewalks at least 6 feet from entrances and overhangs. However, no person shall block ingress or egress from the library building or interfere with the use of the facility and/or grounds.
5. Use of the library property by petitioners does not indicate the library's opposition or endorsement of the candidate or issue that is the subject of the petition, and the library will not assist the petitioners in the solicitation of signatures.
6. Sales, solicitations and/or solicitations of monetary donations of any kind by outside organizations are prohibited unless incidental to library programming and require advance approval by the Library Director.
7. The Morgan County Library is a polling location. Electioneering will not be allowed beyond 25 feet from the front entrance of the polling location on the property, as agreed in our Contract for Use of Polling Places with the Morgan County Clerk.

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