

EUSTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY PETITION/SOLICITATION POLICY

Consistent with fundamental rights protected by the First Amendment, Eustis Memorial Library grounds are accessible for activities of free expression. Among these activities are petition signings, solicitations and distribution of literature. As a limited public forum, Eustis Memorial Library has guidelines set on use of the building and library grounds.

The design and layout of the Library's front porch overhang area do not afford clearance space for gathering, petition or solicitation activity. To ensure that library visitors and staff are able to enter and leave the Library safely, without being impeded or unduly hindered, the library's entrances, exits, walkways and book return lanes must be left with clearance. Among other feasible options, an easily accessible area on library grounds, near the front entrance, has been provided to ensure a public forum for expression.

Organizations or individuals petitioning or soliciting may:

- Set up a table or kiosk with signs and literature
- Hand out literature to anyone who freely goes to them for such literature

Organizations or individuals petitioning or soliciting may not:

- Aggressively solicit, harass or call out to staff, library visitors or passersby
- Create any kind of disturbance in front of the Library

The following are not permitted inside the Library building:

- Distribution of leaflets or other written material
- Persistent/aggressive solicitations of any kind
- Requests for signatures on petitions

Visitors, solicitors and petitioners are expected to comply with the Library's Standards of Behavior.

Public Forum activities in no way constitute the Library's endorsement of an issue, candidate, organization or belief.

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