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Public Library

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Petitions, canvassing, surveying or distribution of literature by members of the public is permitted outside the library building provided free passage to the library is maintained at all time of at least 10 feet in width, library users and staff members are not interfered with and all other applicable policies (including the Appropriate Library Behavior Policy) and laws are followed for safe and respectful assembly and political discourse.

The following reasonable time, place and manner restrictions are established regarding petitions and related speech activities within the library in order to support the mission and values of the LEPMPL: The circulation, distribution, presentation, approaching staff or other library users with or about or other activities related to petitions or in furtherance of petition drives or the related cause they may support, is not allowed in the library building, except that petitions may be handed to the reference desk staff who will, if space is available, place the petition in a location designated by the library for such purpose.

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