

POLICY: PETITIONING, OTHER SOLICITATIONS AND CAMPAIGNING

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The Webster County Library (WCL) will make designated areas available for individuals and non-profit or governmental agencies to acquire signatures for initiative petitions or to complete public or educational research questionnaires.

Each library facility will provide bulletin boards and/or counter space for display of flyers for local information and community events. Flyers must be approved by library staff before posting. The library reserves the right to remove unapproved or expired flyers from bulletin boards and other areas. Directly handing out flyers or other material to patrons is prohibited unless covered under the campaigning provisions stated below.

WCL upholds the presentation of petitions as a fundamental right of political expression. However, aggressive solicitation of patrons by petitioners or volunteers is prohibited.

Petitioning activities also must not interfere with patrons' ability to enter or leave library facilities or parking lots.

Fundraising, asking for money or selling goods and services on WCL property is prohibited. Library staff or volunteers participating in approved activities sponsored by the library are exceptions to this policy.

Campaigning on WCL premises, whether for ballot issues or for elected office, is prohibited at all times. Campaign signs and political signs, for ballot issues and elected office, may not, at any time, on election days or otherwise, be placed or hung on library premises, at any location.

The provision of library premises for the public expression of opinion does not constitute Library endorsement of the opinions or ideas of those individuals and organizations using the space.