

DANIEL BOONE REGIONAL LIBRARY

SUBJECT: Petitioning, Other Solicitations and Campaigning	ADMIN 2-690
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POLICY

The Daniel Boone Regional Library (DBRL) will make designated areas available for individuals and non-profit or governmental agencies wanting to provide information about community activities or issues, to acquire signatures for initiative petitions for the State of Missouri and its political subdivisions, or to complete research questionnaires. 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.

DBRL upholds the presentation of petitions as a fundamental right of political expression. However, aggressive solicitation toward patrons by petitioners, campaign workers or volunteers is prohibited. Petitioning, solicitation and campaigning activities must not interfere with patrons' ability to enter or leave library facilities or parking lots.

Solicitation is defined as asking for money, votes, petition signatures, support for issues, and the selling of goods or services. Fundraising, asking for money or selling goods and services on DBRL property is prohibited. Library staff or volunteers participating in approved activities sponsored by the Library, Friends of the Library, and the DBRL Foundation are exceptions to this policy.

Campaigning on any DBRL premises, whether for ballot issues or for elective office, is prohibited at all times, other than on legally designated election days when the building is used as a polling place. On election days, such peaceably and reasonably conducted campaigning shall be permitted, but only in those areas which are at least twenty-five (25) feet outside of the building entrance nearest the poll and which are designated by the library for such purposes. Campaign signs and political signs, for ballot issues and elective office, may not, at any time, on election days or otherwise, be placed or hung on library premises, at any location.