

Petitioning at the Columbia Public Library

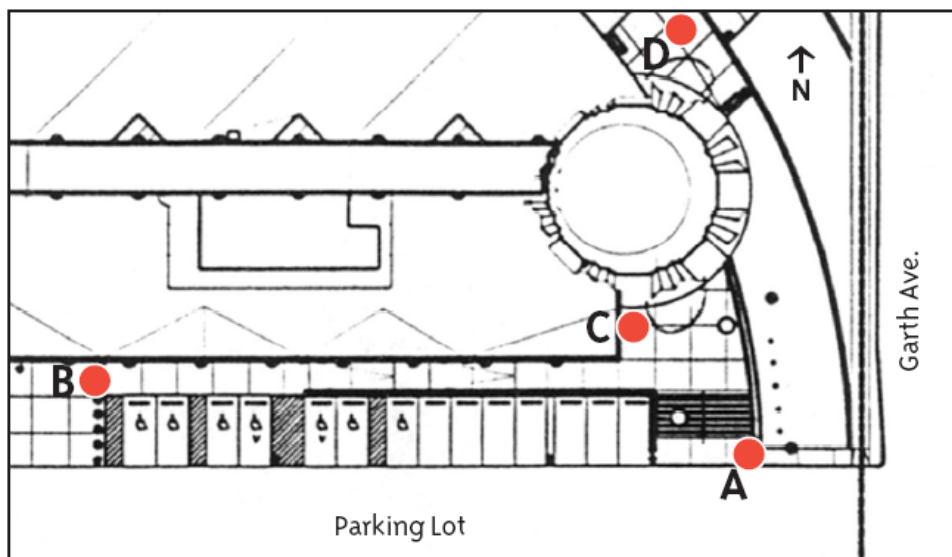
Policy:

From the Daniel Boone Regional Library Petitioning, Other Solicitations and Campaigning Policy [2-690]

The Daniel Boone Regional Library 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 the library or library parking lots.

Procedures:

The Daniel Boone Regional Library will make designated areas available for petition solicitation at each facility.



- You may petition outside the library in the designated areas indicated with red dots on the map.
- Only one person gathering signatures on petitions shall be permitted to be present and gathering or seeking signatures, at any designated location, at any time; meaning that, while signatures on petitions may be sought at the designated locations, only one person seeking such signatures (one petition gatherer) shall be permitted to be present at each designated location, at any one time.
- Petition-gatherers (those seeking signatures) must not harass, bother, or inconvenience patrons, or badger them or otherwise disturb their peace, and, if a patron is asked to sign a petition and declines, that decision on the part of the patron shall end the matter and the patron shall not be bothered any further with the request for signature.
- If more than one patron complains about the conduct of any single petition-gatherer (and seeker of signatures) then the library may, in its discretion, require that such petition-gatherer remove himself or herself from the premises, and bar him or her from thereafter seeking signatures on library premises.