

**DANIEL BOONE REGIONAL LIBRARY**

**SUBJECT: Petitioning, Other Solicitations and Campaigning**

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**BOARD**

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**POLICY**

The Daniel Boone Regional Library (DBRL) will make designated areas available for individuals and non-profit or governmental agencies to acquire signatures for initiative petitions for the State of Missouri and its political subdivisions, 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. See Policy 2-652 Public Posting and Distribution of Community Materials for more information.

DBRL upholds the presentation of petitions as a fundamental right of political expression. However, aggressive solicitation of patrons by petitioners, campaign workers or volunteers is prohibited. Petitioning and campaigning activities 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 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 elected 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 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.