

# Pine River Public Library District

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## **SOLICITING, FUNDRAISING, PETITIONING, CAMPAIGNING AND OTHER FREE SPEECH ACTIVITIES ON LIBRARY PROPERTY**

### **Soliciting**

Solicitors, peddlers and others who seek to sell goods or services or entreat library patrons or staff is not allowed. The Library District prohibits all such activities in the library, as it may interfere with the use or enjoyment of the library by library patrons. The Pine River Library District does not endorse, sponsor or support products, services, persons or groups unless related to library service or management.

The Library occasionally receives requests from patrons or staff to conduct or endorse fund-raising events or to provide public space for donation collection boxes. Pine River Library District does not sponsor nor endorse the fund-raising activities of other organizations, although periodically libraries may cooperate with local community charitable groups or service clubs to support community endeavors. Staff fund raising activities directed solely at staff may be conducted in staff offices or lunch areas.

All fund-raising will be conducted under the auspices/permission of the Friends of the Library. Ideas and suggestions should be sent to the Director.

### **Petitioning and other free speech activities on library property**

Free speech activities are allowed on Pine River Library District property in designated areas at a time, place and in a manner approved by the Director or designee.

Free speech activities include, but are not limited to petitioning, leafleting, campaign activities, and the sale or distribution of newspapers. Library walkways and grounds outside library buildings provide appropriate public places for the exercise of the right of free speech, provided the activity does not create a dangerous condition, interfere with access and use of the library, damage property, or create unnecessary maintenance expense for the library. Those exercising their free speech rights may not engage in the following activities or actions.

Violations will result in the revocation of the right to utilize library property:

- Hindering, impeding or blocking the passage of library patrons, employees or visitors;
  - Continuing to impose upon, follow, shout at or against, mark for approach by others or otherwise press an issue after having been advised of the patron's, employee's or visitor's lack of interest or opposing viewpoint and desire to be left alone;
  - Surrounding or making serial approaches to a patron, employee or visitor;
  - Inciting or promoting arguments with or among library patrons, employees or visitors;
  - Inciting or promoting imminent acts of violence;
  - Presenting, imposing or otherwise impressing upon patrons, employees, or visitors obscene materials or materials, photographs or demonstrative exhibits generally offensive in the community; or
  - Failure to abide by the time, place and manner of restrictions imposed by the Library.
- Those exercising free speech rights will limit their numbers to two individuals and shall remain on exterior walkways or grounds.

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## **Outdoor displays by the public on library property**

Unmanned campaign posters, banners, yard signs and other outdoor displays (not sponsored by the Library District) shall not be posted, exhibited or left anywhere on Library District property without the Director's permission. Such displays will be removed without notice and disposed of by library personnel.

## **Election tables**

The Pine River Library District will provide limited election table space for the display of campaign materials related to candidates or issues in local and national elections. Community Bulletin Boards may not be used for this purpose. Such information is part of the reference service provided by the Pine River Library District. It does not constitute an endorsement by the library district. The Pine River Library District welcomes the opportunity to serve as an election polling place.

## **Political programs and debate**

The Library District or other organizations/individuals may schedule political programs or debates to help inform voters about issues or candidates in an election. Appropriate campaign material literature may be distributed by the program/debate participants as part of the program or debate.

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