Public Demonstration and Petition Policy



LIBRARIES

In keeping with the intention of Mesa County Libraries (MCL) to create welcoming spaces that serve as public commons, no activity disruptive to patrons, employees, or the citizens of Mesa County is permitted at MCL locations. However, lawful and peaceful assembly for the purposes of public demonstration or seeking petition signatures is permitted on the grounds outside library buildings.

The presence of groups or individuals publicly demonstrating or seeking signatures for petitions at MCL locations does not imply endorsement or support of the activity or its subject matter by the MCL Board of Trustees or employees. Employees of MCL wishing to participate in such activities are not prohibited from doing so, except that such activities must not take place during the employees' work hours.

All petitioners and demonstrators must abide by the following restrictions at MCL locations:

- 1. Remain at least 15 feet away from any building entrance.
- 2. Do not approach people in the parking lots.
- 3. Do not block any building entrance or exit or any parking lot entrance or exit.
- 4. Do not attach signage to buildings, structures, or landscaping.
- 5. Do not unreasonably interfere with the rights of others to peaceably assemble or to exercise the right of free speech.
- 6. Do not disrupt the normal functioning of MCL, damage property, or endanger the health or safety of others.
- 7. Remove all trash, litter, and debris associated with the demonstration or petitioning effort.
- 8. Obey MCL's Code of Conduct Policy.

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