

3.11 Solicitation and Petitioning Policy

Library buildings and grounds are limited public forums for free speech activities under the *First Amendment* to the *Constitution of the United States*. These activities include, but are not limited to, petitioning, leafleting and campaign activities.

Walkways and grounds around library buildings provide appropriate public spaces for free speech activities, provided the activity does not create a dangerous condition, interfere with access and use of the Library for its intended purposes, or damage property. Poudre River Public Library District is authorized to make reasonable rules that are universally applicable and content-neutral concerning use of its property for these purposes.

A map of the library property depicting “Free Speech Zones” appropriate for free speech activities is available at each library. Copies may be obtained from library staff.

The following activities are prohibited on Library District owned property:

- Exercising free speech rights under this policy outside of a Free Speech Zone;
- 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 individual’s lack of interest or opposing viewpoint and desire to be left alone;
- Surrounding or making serial approaches to a patron, employee, or visitor;
- Engaging, arguing with or otherwise opposing or inciting others exercising their rights under this policy;
- Inciting or promoting imminent acts of violence;
- Presenting, imposing, or otherwise impressing upon patrons, employees, or visitors obscene materials that would be considered generally offensive within the community;
- Solicitation of funds or sale of goods and services without a copy of written authorization from the Library District Executive Director in the possession of the person acting pursuant to the written authorization; and,
- Solicitation and petitioning activities inside the Library District facilities.

The Council Tree and Harmony branches are on property that is not owned by the Library District. Activity at these locations is governed by the property owners.

The Library Administration Building is located at 301 Olive Street. Free speech activities at the Administration Building must occur at least twenty feet from all entrances to the Administration Building.

Violations of this policy may result in the revocation of the right to utilize library property.

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Section 4 – Service Policies

4.1 *Programming Policy*

The Poudre River Public Library District provides programs to the public in order to fulfill its mission of providing library services, and associated vision and values statements.

The District offers programs that align with its current strategic goals, in order to provide current and useful information to the community, promote literacy and reading, and increase awareness and use of library collections and resources. Programming may be solely provided by the District or in partnership with other community organizations.

Programming provides a valuable opportunity for forging partnerships with organizations that extend and enhance the District’s ability to serve while building community alliances that benefit our patrons. The District may seek out, and engage in creating, effective partnerships that minimize programming duplication in the community and that benefit our patrons. For more information please refer to the Partnership Policy on page ___.

District staff members entrusted by the Executive Director with selecting, planning, and delivering programs will use an evaluative process to provide programs that balance:

- The Mission, Vision and Values of the District
- The current District Strategic Plan
- Cost effective and efficient use of resources

4.2 *Public Access to the Internet/Wireless*

The Poudre River Public Library District recognizes the importance of the Internet as a valuable informational resource. Therefore the District provides access to the Internet as a service to the public. The District offers Internet access equally to all users with the understanding that it is the individual user's responsibility to demonstrate judgment, respect for others, and appropriate conduct while using public library resources and facilities.