



### **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.

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

A map of the Old Town Library property depicting “Free Speech Zones” appropriate for free speech activities is available at the library and on the reverse side of this handout. 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 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.