

**Policy: 416**

Subject: Soliciting & Petitioning

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To comply with the First Amendment, the Library (AHPL) allows petitioning, soliciting, and/or distribution of literature, or similar types of appeals, by members of the public in the following time/place/manner:

**Library Grounds**

- Groups/individuals shall not obstruct or prevent the public in any way from entering or leaving the Library or any parking lot, from utilizing the Library grounds, or impede any access to any emergency exit door.
- Available space for public solicitation/petitioning is limited to the sidewalk 100 feet from the front entrance.
- Groups/individuals will only be permitted to petition or distribute literature during normal business hours and on days the Library is open to the public.
- Groups/individuals shall not engage in loud and raucous noise. Such noise includes use of loud speakers, sound amplifiers, or any instrument emitting loud and raucous noise.
- Groups/individuals are not permitted to sell or solicit goods on library grounds. Groups/individuals soliciting programs to the Library will do so with the Coordinator of the appropriate department. If the Coordinator does not feel the program fits with their criteria, they may refuse the program. Review of any such refusals is at the discretion of the Library Director.

NOTE: The Library does not advocate or endorse the views/opinions of groups or individuals soliciting/petitioning.