

Sanibel Public Library District

Solicitation Policy

The Sanibel Public Library District (the “library”) supports free access to information, ideas, and services for all members of the public. The Solicitation Policy establishes reasonable solicitation activities on Library property to ensure compliance with the First Amendment, Florida law, and the library’s mission, and to ensure that such activities do not disrupt library operations or impede patron access.

The library does not sponsor, endorse, or assume responsibility for the viewpoints, content, or activities of individuals or organizations engaging in authorized solicitation.

The library allows:

- Lawful political expression
- Petition circulation and electioneering outside the library
- Voter registration inside and outside the library
- Activities of nonprofit organizations including sales, surveys, and distribution of flyers, brochures, and informational materials, with prior approval
- Media or public awareness events, with prior approval

The following are not permitted on library property under any circumstances:

- Solicitation of funds or sales of goods or services by for-profit entities
- Aggressive, harassing, or repeated solicitation of patrons
- Activities that block entrances, exits, aisles, or emergency access
- Unattended signs, tables, banners, or displays
- Solicitation directed at minors without parental consent

Enforcement

Solicitation is prohibited on library property unless specifically allowed under this policy or authorized in advance by the Library Director or designee. The library does not prohibit exercise of otherwise lawful political expression.

Solicitation efforts must take place during normal library operating hours, remain passive in nature, comply with all applicable state and local laws, and be conducted in a non-disruptive manner and consistent with the library’s [Code of Conduct Policy](#). Entrances, exits, and walkways must remain clear at all times.

Library staff may require solicitors to relocate or immediately discontinue solicitation efforts that do not comply with this policy. Failure to comply with staff direction may result in removal from the library property or suspension of library privileges as outlined in the [Code of Conduct Policy](#).

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