



# PUEBLO CITY-COUNTY Library District

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## Access and Use of Facilities

### 03.05.05 Free Speech Activities ~~Petitions and Surveys~~

~~Candidate nomination petitions, initiative or referendum petitions, or surveys of public opinion must be conducted by individuals or groups outside of PCCLD libraries. These activities may be conducted outside libraries as long as library activities are not disrupted and access to libraries is not obstructed.~~

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~~While inside a PCCLD library, approaching library users or staff to request a signature on a petition or to distribute leaflets or information pertaining to a petition, or to campaign for an office or an issue, is not permitted. PCCLD reserves the right to display petitions or surveys in its libraries which are directly related to library services or activities.~~

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~~The presence of petition circulators or survey takers outside of a library does not constitute PCCLD's endorsement of the policies, beliefs or political affiliations of any person or group.~~

PCCLD respects, values and supports the constitutional right of free speech. Library property may be used by members of the public for free speech activity. Such activities must follow the library's regulations as a limited public forum with regard to time, place and manner of use as described in this policy. The following policy is for the express purpose of maintaining orderly management and control of PCCLD grounds to create a safe, respectful and appropriate environment for all patrons.

### Leaflets, Petitions and Surveys

The following free speech activities are prohibited inside PCCLD facilities, but may be permitted outside on library property or on public sidewalks. These activities must remain a minimum of 25 feet from all public entrances and must not disrupt library activities and access, nor violate library rules of conduct.

- 1) Distribution of non-library leaflets, flyers or other written publications
- 2) Distribution and circulation of petitions to collect signatures
- 3) Surveys of public opinion

The presence of these activities on library property do not constitute PCCLD's endorsement of the policies, beliefs or political affiliations of any person or group.

### **Polling and Electioneering**

The Pueblo County Clerk and Recorder Department has designated some PCCLD libraries as temporary polling and ballot drop-off locations. During the election season all state and local statutes regarding electioneering and polling locations apply to these designated libraries. Electioneering may not take place within 100 feet of library facilities and ballot boxes at designated polling locations. All yard signs, other than those produced by the library are prohibited on PCCLD property and will be removed and disposed of by library staff.

### **Right to Assemble**

Under the United States and Colorado Constitutions, people have the right to assemble for the common good on public property. PCCLD affirms and is committed to the rights of citizens to engage in free speech and to assemble in groups for peaceful purposes. As a limited public forum, PCCLD has the right to control the time, place and manner of such gatherings. People may peacefully assemble in groups on any PCCLD property for the purposes of public discourse during library hours of operation, no closer than 100 feet from the main entrance. Areas for assembly have been designated at each library location and will be clearly marked, as needed. Gatherings shall not impede motor vehicle or pedestrian traffic, disrupt normal library operations or activities and must not endanger persons or property. All PCCLD policies and rules of conduct must be upheld.