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## PUBLIC SERVICE

### (3.24) Solicitation, Petitioning, or Distribution of Literature at Libraries

#### GENERAL STATEMENT

Public forums are places that have, by tradition or practice, been held apart for general use by the public for speech or expression related issues. The Library provides a public forum space, as described below, for activities that may include soliciting for petitions, personal campaigning, and distribution of literature to Library employees or Library patrons on Library grounds.

The Library takes no position on the content of the speech or material being expressed by groups using this public forum space. It should not be implied that the Library supports or opposes any group's particular position or policy.

#### SOLICITING, PETITIONING, & DISTRIBUTION SPACE

The space designated for the activities described in this policy is located at the Mendenhall Valley Public Library location. It is outside, under the roof overhang, and consists of twelve feet in any direction from the corner of the building between the bicycle racks and the bench seating. When a permanent barrier exists in a particular dimension, such as a bench or planted area, the public forum space ends at that barrier.

#### RULES FOR USE

Groups utilizing this space must:

- 1) Refrain from approaching or impeding the access of library users who seek to enter the library or utilize the library's outdoor spaces – seating, bike racks, book drop, etc.
- 2) Remain in the public forum space; seek to draw individuals to the space through signage, display, or words rather than pursuing individuals bodily and infringing on their personal space.
- 3) Abide by the Library's Code of Conduct, which is posted in all library locations and is available on the Library's website: [http://www.juneau.org/library/documents/2.1LibraryConductRules--revised\\_001.pdf](http://www.juneau.org/library/documents/2.1LibraryConductRules--revised_001.pdf)
- 4) It is recommended, although not required, that groups seeking to utilize this space inform the Library's Administrative Office by calling 586-0448
- 5) The space is available on a first come, first served basis. In the event of multiple groups seeking to use the space at the same time, Library staff will assist in arranging a shared agreement between groups. The space may be reserved up to 6 weeks in advance by calling the Library's Administrative Office at 586-0448. Groups without reservations may not displace other users of the space or use other non-designated spaces without approval of the Library Director or the Library Director's designee.