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**PUBLIC SERVICE**

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

**GENERAL STATEMENT**

Speech made in public forums, which are spaces traditionally open to public expression, enjoys the strongest First Amendment protections. The Library has designated the below-described area as a public forum open to public expression including, but not limited to, soliciting for petitions, distributing literature, and campaigning.

The Library takes no position regarding the content of the speech expressed or material distributed in this designated area (i.e. the Library neither supports nor opposes any particular views expressed). Like all First Amendment-protected speech, speech in the designated area is subject to reasonable, content-neutral restrictions as to time, place, and manner.

**DESIGNATED PUBLIC FORUM SPACE**

The designated space is located beneath the roof overhang outside of the Mendenhall Valley Public Library. It is the space inside the large sidewalk square located in front of the bicycle racks as shown below





The designated space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Library encourages groups or individuals seeking to use this space notify the Library's Administrative Office by calling (907) 586-0448. Users may also use this number to reserve the space up to six (6) weeks in advance. In the event multiple users seek to use the space at the same time, Library staff will assist in arranging a shared agreement between users that will give preference to users with reservations.

Use of non-designated space is prohibited absent approval from the Library Director or the Library Director's designee.

### **RULES FOR USE**

Groups and individuals using this space must:

- 1) Refrain from impeding library users' and employees' access to the library and use of the library and the library's outdoor resources (e.g. seating, bike racks, book drop).
- 2) Respect the boundaries of the designated public forum space. Users should attract passersby to the space using signs, displays, and words—not infringing on individuals' personal space or impeding access to the Library.
- 3) Abide by the Library's Code of Conduct, which is posted in all library locations and is available on the Library's website.