DISTRIBUTION OF PARTISAN ELECTION MATERIAL AND CIRCULATING INITIATIVE PETITIONS POLICY

POLICY: It is the policy of the Lewis & Clark Library Board of Trustees that the Library serves as a focal point for the dissemination of information of interest to the community. This includes election or initiative petition information.

PROCEDURES: The Library provides a bulletin board in the lobby that may be used to post printed election or initiative petition information. If requested, the library will designate an area within the Library's lobby for the display of single copies of partisan and other materials pertaining to elections. This area will be marked with a sign reading "Election Materials." A person may place printed partisan election information in this designated area. All sides of issues of community interest have the opportunity to disseminate their information. Permission to disseminate does not represent an endorsement of either side by the Library.

In addition to posting materials on the bulletin board or placing materials in the Election Materials area, the library will designate an area which can be scheduled by those wishing to collect signatures for initiative petitions. The "Petition Table" will be located in the Library's lobby.

Printed information regarding the issues involved in a currently circulating petition may be placed in the designated areas.

The Library will allow orderly gathering of initiative petition signatures in a designated area in the Library's lobby, on a first come first served basis. Persons wishing to gather signatures on petitions or for initiatives must make arrangements at least 48 hours in advance of the time they wish to begin gathering signatures by contacting the Library Director or designee. Due to limited space, no more than three petition spaces at the "Petition Table" will be allowed in any one day.

Any complaint of interference with library visitors falls under the Lewis & Clark Library Disruptive Patron Policy.

Lewis & Clark Library Policies

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