

**ELIZABETH TITUS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
PETITION POLICY**

The mission of the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library is to provide individuals with access to information. However, it also is essential that the Library be perceived in the community as neutral in all circumstances. For this reason library patrons or staff may not be approached for petition signatures while on Library property. Staff may not participate in the promotion of non-library petitions while on Library property.

Therefore, it is the policy of the Library to designate an area to be available for individuals, non-profit and governmental agencies wishing to provide information about community activities or issues, to acquire signatures for initiative petitions or surveys involving Moultrie County, or to ask persons to fill out research questionnaires.

The 'community bulletin board' has been designated as the public's area for sharing such activities and signature gathering. This area will be available to the public on equal terms, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting its use.

The Library reserves the right to limit time periods and frequency of use in order to provide equitable use of the area. The Library reserves the right to further limit or restrict these activities in order to protect the comfort, safety and privacy of library users and to protect Library property.

The Library recognizes that petitions and/or surveys may be conducted by the Library itself or by library-related groups, when information from such action will benefit the library and its patrons. This activity will be handled at the circulation desk.

The provision of Library premises for the public expression of opinion does not constitute Library endorsement of the opinions or ideas of those individuals and organizations using the space.

Adopted by vote of the Library Board of Trustees 9/23, 2008.


Karen Lane, President


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