Trenton Free Public Library Petition Policy

Purpose

To assure that any individual who circulates petitions to collect signatures is aware of the requirements for doing so on library grounds and to set forth the possible ramifications for violation of policy or law.

Background

Individuals seeking signatures on petitions may do so outside of the Library, so long as Library activities are not disrupted and access to the Library is not obstructed.

The Trenton Free Public Library cannot and will not, in any way, control the content of any petition being circulated near any of its Libraries. The presence of circulators outside of a Library does not constitute the Library's endorsement or support for the subject matter of any petition. The presence of circulators outside of a library does not constitute the Library's endorsement of the policies, beliefs or political affiliations of any person or group circulating petitions for signatures.

Policy

- The following requirements must be observed by all persons circulating petitions for signatures:
- Petitions must only be circulated outside of Library facilities.
- Petition circulators may not block building entrances, exits or book drop areas.
- Petition circulators may not conduct activities in designated fire or emergency lanes or in parking spaces.
- Petition circulators must be aware of all laws applicable to the circulation of petitions for signatures.

The Library will not:

- Assume responsibility for any harm or injury suffered by petition circulators or by those who are signing a petition.
- Provide tables, chairs or any other amenities to petition circulators.
- Require registration of petition circulators.

Petition circulators who fail to comply with this policy will be asked to leave the premises. Law enforcement will be contacted if any petition circulator engages in what is believed to be unlawful behavior.

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