

# **Grand Island Memorial Library**

## **Petition Policy**

In order to encourage the free circulation of ideas in the community, it is the policy of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Island Memorial Library that petitions may be placed for signature in the Grand Island Memorial Library, subject to the following:

1. Petitions must pertain to a topic of public interest or community interest and be timely in nature. However, no petition relating to a political party or candidate shall be allowed.
2. The purpose of a petition must be clearly stated on each page of the petition.
3. The person or group sponsoring the petition must be clearly identified on each page of the petition, and local contact information shall be provided on each page, e.g. for further information, contact (individual or group) at (address, phone number and/or e-mail).
4. Library staff shall not be requested to explain or discuss petitions unless the petition is one relating directly to library matters.
5. No solicitation of signatures or pamphleteering will be allowed.
6. Petitions shall be placed in a specified place in the Library for signatures and may not be circulated throughout the building. The only exception to this rule is that a petition may be circulated within the meeting room if the group using the room at that time so desires.
7. Persons placing the petitions are responsible for maintaining and removing petitions. Library staff shall not be responsible for supervision or maintenance of petitions.
8. Petitions must be approved by the Library Director and may be removed by the Director if the petition is disruptive to the functioning of the library, or for other good reason (i.e. no longer timely).
9. To provide as much access as possible, petitions may not remain in place more than two consecutive weeks.

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