



Dighton Public Library

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Fundraising:

The Dighton Public Library encourages fundraising efforts on behalf of the library as formally authorized by the Dighton Public Library Board of Trustees. Outside persons and organizations wishing to raise funds for library purposes may act in the name of the Dighton Public Library only after the Library Board of Trustees has reviewed and approved the fundraising plan. All funds raised or donated in accordance with this policy will be used at the discretion of the Library Board of Trustees.

Solicitation:

Solicitation of the public or staff is not permitted in the Dighton Public Library. Solicitation is defined as the sale or distribution of merchandise, sales materials, tickets, insurance, coupons, magazine subscriptions, political campaign materials or recall petitions, or anything not connected with the work of the library.

Exceptions may be made to the solicitation policy for fundraisers sponsored by the Friends of the Dighton Public Library, town departments, or organizations with which the library works closely. The library director and/or Board of Trustees will determine such fundraisers on a case-by-case basis.

Canvassing is defined as petitioning or distributing written materials or soliciting for political, charitable, or religious purposes. Both the United States and Massachusetts Constitutions protect the right to solicit signatures on nomination papers and ballot question petitions in a reasonable and unobtrusive manner in open public areas, including the public areas of municipal property. To place a petition at the Dighton Public Library, petitioners must:

- Receive permission from the Dighton Public Library Board of Trustees
- The matter must be an issue pertaining to Dighton
- A sponsoring entity must be clearly identified
- A contact for more information must be clearly identified for the public to obtain information
- A disclaimer must be included: The views of the petitioner do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the staff and trustees of the Dighton Public Library.

· The responsibility of the petition lies with the petitioner and not with the staff of the Dighton Public Library.

Any person who does not abide by the conditions stated above or creates a nuisance such that the regular business of the library is disrupted shall be required to immediately cease all activities and to leave the library premises immediately.

Bulletin Board:

The Dighton Public Library strives to provide as much information to the community as possible. In order to achieve this objective, the library has provided an informational bulletin board in the library foyer that is available for this purpose.

Postings must be:

- For non-profit organizations or events
- Delivered to the Circulation desk
- Posted by a staff member. Any items that are not posted by a staff member will be removed.
- Older items will be periodically removed by library staff after an event has passed, or for nonevents, after two weeks.

Any questions concerning what may be placed may be referred to the Library Director.

Approved by Dighton Library Board of Trustees, 9/18/14