

## PETITION POLICY

The Warrenville Public Library District Public Library recognizes the presentation of petitions by individuals and groups is a fundamental right, protected by the First Amendment. The Library also upholds the rights of its patrons and employees to enter and leave the Library safely, without being impeded or unduly hindered.

Collection of petition signatures is permitted outside of the Library with the following stipulations:

- A request by an individual on behalf of himself/herself or a group must be submitted to the Library Director or Assistant to the Director for approval at least 3 days in advance.
- Approval does not constitute Library endorsement.
- Collection of petition signatures for any candidate or issue may be conducted up to two times, no more than four hours each, within a calendar month.
- Collection of petition signatures may take place during library hours only, but may not extend past sunset.
- No more than one individual/group may engage in collection of petition signatures at the same time.
- Collection of petition signatures must be conducted at least 14 feet from the Library entrance, either to the left or right of the doors. (See Diagram 1.)
- Petitioner(s) may not approach or call out to Library patrons.
- Signs no larger than 11" x 17" may be used within the allowable area to inform approaching patrons of the purpose of the petition.
- A table and chairs may be used by the petitioner(s), but must be within the allowable area.
- Collection of petition signatures may not disrupt Library operations, impede people from entering/leaving the Library or create unsafe traffic patterns on the sidewalks, roadways or parking lots.
- Collection of petition signatures is not permitted inside the Library.
- All activity is subject to the provisions of the Library's General Conduct Policy (Policy No. 320).



Diagram 1.  
Outlines indicate areas where collection of petition signatures is permitted. A petitioner may choose either side, but not both.