

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
Petitioning, Campaigning, and Soliciting at the Library
Effective February 21, 2024

Gathering petition signatures and campaigning for candidates and ballot issues are a form of free speech, protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and is allowed on library grounds according to the following guidelines:

- The permitted area for petitioning and campaigning is at least 100 feet from the building entrance, or the south side of the circle “Linda’s Garden” area. Entrance and exit to and from the library building needs to remain unobstructed. For this reason, tables, chairs, and posted signs are not permitted.
- Lawn signs for candidates and ballot issues may be placed at least 100 feet from the building entrance during early voting, but they may not be placed in gardens or otherwise damage library grounds. Signs will be removed and discarded at the end of the next business day after early voting.
- The 100-foot boundary will be marked by election staff during early voting periods.
- The Library retains the right to request that a petitioner or campaigner relocate if it is deemed that access to the library building is impeded.
- Petitioners, campaigners, and library patrons are expected to abide by the Library’s Rules of Conduct. Failure to comply may result in a request to leave the Library premises.
- Use of the library property by petitioners and campaigners does not indicate the Library’s opposition to or endorsement of the candidate or issue that is the subject of the petition or campaign. The Library will not assist petitioners in the solicitation of signatures.
- Sales, solicitations, and solicitations of monetary donations of any kind by outside organizations are not allowed.

