

CASCADE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Right to Protest, Petition, Survey, and Assemble

At the Cascade Public Library ("Library") we value civic engagement and free expression of ideas. People have the right to protest, petition, and assemble on public property. The Library has the right to place reasonable and viewpoint-neutral restrictions on such activities.

The purpose of a library is to provide a place for reading, programming, community events, research, and a quiet space to think, learn, or pursue ideas. People may not engage in disruptive behavior within the Library or interfere with library patrons' quiet use or enjoyment of the Library. Accordingly, people may not protest, solicit signatures, petition or assemble in large groups within the Library, unless they are in a meeting space reserved by a member of the group for that purpose. The group must abide by all of the Library policies, and may not disrupt regularly conducted library activities, or engage with people entering the library.

People may not assemble or protest in a way that interferes with patrons' ability to enter and exit the library safely and without obstruction. Those intending to gather for the purpose of protesting or petitioning are asked to contact the library 24 hours in advance to identify an area that will be designated for their use. People engaging in protest, petition, survey or assembling activities must abide by all Library policies, including the Code of Conduct policy. People gathering inside the Library are subject to the Library's operating hours and may not be in the Library outside of those hours. The presence of protestors or petitioners on or near Library property in no way constitutes an endorsement by the Library Director, Library staff, or Library Board of the viewpoints expressed by such protestors or petitioners.

Failure to follow Library policies may result in removal from Library property and/or official action.

By the Cascade Public Library Board of Trustees

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