



EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY POLICY

Geneva Public Library District (GPLD) strives to treat all Library users in a fair, consistent, and equitable manner. GPLD has a significant public interest in promulgating First Amendment principles while also protecting patrons' access to the Library. Therefore, this Policy designates a portion of the Library facility as a "limited public forum" for expressive activity and regulates such activity.

This policy is not all-inclusive. Approval of individual expressive activity situations not described here will be determined by Library Administration, who is authorized to establish reasonable regulations governing the use of meeting rooms.

EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

1. Building: Expressive activity is prohibited in the Library's building.
2. Grounds: Expressive activity is allowed on the Library's grounds, as follows:—
 - a. Time: Expressive activity is allowed only during the Library's hours of operation.
 - b. Place:—
 - (1) Expressive activity is allowed on private sidewalks flanking the main entrance to the Library. In order to ensure public safety, prevent disturbances, and promote the free flow of traffic, expressive activity is prohibited from the center walkway leading to the main entrance.
 - (2) This clearly defined area will ensure that people who wish to engage in expressive activity will have access to all visitors entering or exiting the main entrance to the building while, at the same time, ensuring that visitors will have clear, safe, unfettered access to and from the main entrance and the exterior stairway to and from the lower level.
 - c. Manner:—
 - (1) No application or registration is required to engage in expressive activity; however, for review of compliance with this Policy, statistical purposes, and reasons of public safety people who plan to engage in expressive activity are encouraged but not required to inform the Library Director or the person-in-charge of their intent.
 - (2) For reasons of public safety, the Library reserves the right to limit the number of people allowed to engage in expressive activity at any one time.
 - (3) Activities that are not considered expressive activity, and thus not allowed, include any activity prohibited by the "Acceptable Library Use Policy," q.v., as well as any activity that is not considered as protected speech and in the public interest pursuant to First Amendment principles, including but not limited to commercial speech—the primary purpose of which is to sell a product or service, or related thereto—and fundraising activities.

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