

In order to minimize disruptions to patrons and staff, the following restrictions are outlined for direct sales, solicitations, and petitions on library property:

Sales

No products, services, or memberships may be advertised, solicited, or sold, by library staff members, library volunteers, or library patrons, in any areas of the library.

Invited book sellers may sell books as related to a library program or event. The Rapid City Library Foundation and the Friends of the Rapid City Public Library may also conduct sales as approved by the Library Director.

Solicitations

Library staff may engage in passive, occasional solicitations such as fund-raiser sales, by leaving information in the staff lounge for a period up to one week; staff members may not directly solicit individual staff members, volunteers, or members of the public. Solicitations and fund-raising efforts by the public are not permitted on library property.

Gathering petition signatures

No petitioning or gathering of petition signatures may take place inside any of the libraries' facilities.

Petitioning is permitted outside of the Downtown library, so long as the petitioner remains thirty (30) feet or more from the main entrance. No gathering of petitions is permitted at the ~~East and~~ North branch ~~libraries~~library; per Rapid City School District policies, petition gathering is not permitted on school property.

Gathering petition signatures may not interfere with library operations or with access to or egress from the library facilities. Petitioners may not harass or impede persons on the public right of way.

Loans of artwork or other display items

The library periodically displays loaned artworks in the library facilities. Although some of these works may be for sale by the artists, no prices will be displayed with the art while on display. Library staff may provide contact information for any artist, but will not interact further in facilitating any sales.

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