

Time, Place, Manner Policy

This policy sets forth guidelines for the freedom of assembly and speech rights on all **Baker County Library District** premises.

Baker County Library District recognizes the rights of members of the community to freedom of assembly and speech, and strongly believes in fostering discourse and the free exchange of ideas. As a matter of law and District policy, however, these rights and interests are not absolute, and must be exercised on District property in a manner consistent with the mission and operation of the District and the rights of other members of the community.

Definitions

Public demonstrations: freedom to assemble, demonstrate, communicate, petition and protest.

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Persons are free to assemble, demonstrate, petition for signatures, communicate and protest (herein after referred to as “public demonstrations”), recognizing that freedom requires order, discipline, and responsibility, and further recognizing the right of all library staff, patrons and District guests to pursue their legitimate goals without interference.

District grounds are open to the public for public demonstrations during the regular business hours of the particular building. In the interest of privacy, safety, and maintenance of library operations, public demonstrations are restricted from being conducted inside library facilities. In addition:

- Public demonstrations shall not impede pedestrian and vehicular traffic nor reasonably disrupt library access, or regular or authorized activities in library facilities or grounds.
- Public demonstrations will be required to conduct activities 20 ft. or more from any exit, entrance, exterior staircase, materials deposit box, parking lot, or roadway if necessary to allow access.
- A public demonstration in a congested area is limited to such a number of persons which the area can reasonably accommodate on grounds of public safety, as determined by a public safety official (e.g., fire marshal, building inspector).
- There shall be no interference with demonstrations on the grounds of content of speech, except for any speech or demonstration which incites immediate violent action or breach of peace and represents a clear and present danger to the community.
- The District’s Rules of Conduct policy applies at all times to all persons on library premises.
- Sales, commercial advertisements and/or solicitation of funds do not qualify as public demonstrations and are prohibited. Non-profit fundraising will require written approval from the Library Director.
- *The views expressed in public demonstrations are those of the organizers and/or participants and do not necessarily reflect the position or policy of the Baker County Library District. Activity participants and organizers must in no way affiliate themselves with the Library District either through written publicity, signage, or verbal statements.*

Failure to cease any activity in violation of the policy immediately following either written or oral notice by a District official shall also be a violation of this policy. Violations of this policy may subject persons to disciplinary action including eviction from library premises and prosecution for Criminal Trespassing or other applicable laws, codes or statutes.

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