

AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY ON OUTSIDE SALES, SOLICITATION AND PETITIONING

The following restrictions are outlined for direct sales, solicitations and petitions on City of Austin public library property:

SALES

No products, services or memberships may be advertised, solicited or sold by library staff members, library volunteers, library patrons or the general public on library property.

Exceptions:

- Invited book sellers may sell books as related to a library program or event.
- The Friends of the Austin Public Library, Ladies Floral Club or other library-related organizations may conduct sales as approved by the Library Director within the limits of the library's available time and space.
- Sales are allowed in meeting rooms that have been reserved according to the library's meeting room policy.

SOLICITATIONS:

Solicitations and fund-raising efforts by the public are not permitted on library property, other than posting information on the bulletin boards or free materials areas of the library as outlined in those policies.

Exception:

Library staff may engage in passive, occasional solicitations (such as fundraising 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.

PETITIONING:

No petitioning or gathering of petition signatures may take place inside the library's facilities.

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