

GDL Policy 3.7

Literature Display and Distribution

Genesee District Library adheres to the principle that the Library is the institution in our society which provides materials representing all points of view in all fields including political, social, and religious no matter how controversial or objectionable these views may be to some people.

To support this basic principle, and to foster positive relationships within the community, the following policy has been established:

- 1) Informational material of public interest from nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and governmental agencies may be displayed or distributed in branches where space is available. Material for display or distribution will be permitted at the discretion of the branch librarian. The primary purpose of such material must be to inform the public of the organization's programs, services, and events. Examples include:
 - GDL fundraising materials;
 - Friends of the Library materials;
 - promotional materials for cultural organizations;
 - special event fliers for nonprofit organizations from Genesee County and neighboring communities; and
 - local magazines and newspapers that are distributed free of charge and have received prior approval from Genesee District Library.
- 2) Prior to an election, campaign material relating to ballot issues may be placed in library branches for display and/or distribution to the public. If there is formal opposition to a ballot issue, equal consideration shall be given. Campaign materials that directly or indirectly make reference to a ballot issue must be removed prior to Election Day if located within 100 feet of any entrance to a polling place or in a hallway used by voters to enter or exist a polling place.
- 3) Petitions may not be displayed or circulated in library buildings except as permitted by local municipal ordinance.