

# Political Activity in Library Facilities Policy

## Purpose

Although libraries collect materials that represent a diverse array of viewpoints and opinions in political matters, it is not in the interest of the library to become a setting for political activities such as the display or distribution of campaign materials for elected officials or ballot measures. The purpose of this policy is to define the types of political activities prohibited on library premises.

## Definitions

For the purposes of this policy:

- “Ballot initiative” refers to any ordinance, measure, referendum, or amendment authorized by popular vote;
- “Candidate” refers to any individual campaigning for an elected office;
- “Library” refers to the Marshes of Glynn Libraries consisting of the Brunswick-Glynn County Library and the St. Simons Island Public Library;
- “Premises” refers to library facilities including exterior and interior walls, windows, entrances or doorways, hallways, offices, and any public areas.

## Policy

The following political activities are prohibited on library premises:

- In person solicitation of votes for any candidate or ballot initiative;
- In person solicitation of contributions for any candidate or ballot initiative;
- Display of posters or flyers in support of any candidate or ballot initiative;
- Distribution of flyers, brochures, or other printed material in support of any candidate or ballot initiative;
- Use of the library website or social media accounts for any of the above activities.

Library employees will adhere to Section 14.3, “Ethics and Conduct - Political Activity”, of the Glynn County Personnel Policy in regards to any of their own political activities.

As part of an exhibit, the library may allow the display of historical campaign materials to promote voting or to provide history education.

**Adopted by the MOGL Board of Trustees on November 18, 2015**