

**Aram Public Library Policy 3.4**  
**Public Use of Library Grounds Policy**

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This policy covers the use of Library premises by the persons or groups in exercising rights to free speech, peaceful assembly and petitioning government for redress of grievances. These rights are subject to reasonable restrictions regarding time, place and manner to ensure the rights and safety of others, but such restrictions must be applied without discrimination toward the persons or viewpoints being expressed.

1. Individuals and groups may demonstrate, picket, hand out informational literature, or seek signatures for petitions on Library grounds outside the building provided:
  - a. they are quiet, orderly and do not block entrances to the building, sidewalks, parking or delivery areas, or otherwise interfere with access to or use or operation of the library.
  - b. they do not disturb, harass or insistently attempt to engage in conversation those entering or leaving the library.
  - c. there is no consumption of alcoholic beverages and any trash is disposed of properly.
  - d. such activity takes place between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm.
2. Demonstrator(s) do not need to request or receive permission for their activities from the Library. However, as the Library occasionally uses outside areas for scheduled Library programs, Library staff may require activities be moved to an area where the program will not be disturbed.
3. The presence of demonstrator(s) does not constitute an endorsement by Aram Library of the opinions or points of view expressed or espoused by the demonstrator(s), and demonstrator(s) will not suggest such is the case.
4. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on Library premises.
5. Any person or group who violates these regulations may be asked by a staff member to leave Library premises. Library personnel may ask for assistance in enforcement of these regulations from the City of Delavan Police Department.

General Information and Background

The Aram Library Board of Trustees made use of the American Library Association's (ALA) Guidelines for the Development of Policies Regarding User Behavior and Library Usage (adopted 1993, revised 2000) in developing and approving this Policy. The ALA guidelines are based upon constitutional principles and in accordance with regulation of user behavior being approached within the framework of the ALA Code of Ethics, the Library Bill of Rights and the law, including state and local statutes, constitutional standards under the First and Fourteenth Amendments, and due process and equal treatment under the law standards.

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