Petition Policy

Purpose
The Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library has designated an exterior space for the lawful gathering of signatures on petitions. This designated space is not considered a meeting room and is not subject to the Library’s meeting room policies. Use of the space by petitioners is on a first come, first-served basis without regard to content. The petition space is not reservable. Individuals may not gather signatures inside the building or in other areas on library property that are not located in the space designated for petitions. There is no alternate location for signature collection due to inclement weather conditions. Petitioners cannot impede access to the main entrances of the library. They may not pursue customers or staff into parking areas or inside the library.

Petitioners who fail to comply with this policy will be asked to leave the premises.

Designated space:
Petitioners must use the area east of the Library’s main entrances and west of Washburn Avenue. The designated space is highlighted in blue on the included map.

Approved: October 21, 2021

Board of Trustees
Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library

Questions about this policy? We encourage your feedback in person, by telephone at (785) 580-4400, or at tscpl.org/contact.