

**Lincoln City Libraries
Lincoln, Nebraska
Signature Gathering for Petitions**

Lincoln City Libraries encourages all people to use the public library for the purpose of developing an informed citizenry within a democratic society. The use of common areas by the public is regulated to insure the goals and objectives of Lincoln City Libraries are met while assuring use of library resources without undue interruption or distraction.

Signature gathering IS ALLOWED on library property when:

- Petitioner is a minimum of at least five feet (5') laterally from the side of entrance and a minimum of ten feet (10') from the front of entrances. The 10-foot rule does not apply at Bennett Martin Public Library.

Signature gathering IS PROHIBITED in/on:

- Interior of buildings
- Parking lots
- Grass or garden areas
- Vestibules, exterior steps and public entranceways within five feet laterally from the side of a public entrance and within 10 feet from the front of public entrances.
- Any exterior area that would obstruct, interfere, or prevent access to entrances, parking lots, or sidewalks.
- Within two hundred feet (200') of the entrances of library buildings used as polling places and set up for voters to cast ballots on election day, as amended by law.
- Within two hundred feet (200') of secure ballot drop-boxes on election day, as amended by law, or as otherwise determined by the Lancaster County Election Commissioner and/or the Nebraska Attorney General.
- Tables, chairs, and awnings are considered to obstruct and interfere with access and are not allowed.

A copy of the Library Board policy on Use of Common Areas in and Around Library Facilities is available at <https://www.lincolnlibraries.org/about-us/policies/>.

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