

WEBER COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Board of Trustees

ACCESS TO BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS POLICY

I. GENERAL POLICY

In order to ensure public access and use of public library grounds and facilities in a manner complementary to the Library mission and applicable law, the Board has defined the use of the following spaces in accordance with established standards as delineated in the Public Forum Doctrine.

Public Forum: A place that has a long-standing tradition of being used for, is historically associated with, or has been dedicated by government act to the free exercise of the right to speech and public debate and assembly.

Library areas so designated: Public sidewalks
Library public meeting rooms

Limited Public Forum: A place that has not traditionally been open for public assembly and debate but is open for use by the public. Content-neutral time, place, and manner restrictions are permissible.

Library areas so designated: Library lawn

Non-Public Forum: Public property that is not designated or traditionally considered an arena for public communication. The government's means of regulating a nonpublic forum need only be reasonable and viewpoint-neutral to be constitutional.

Library areas so designated: Materials check-out areas
Library entries, lobbies, and commons areas
Parking lots
Public computer centers
Restrooms
Stack, study, programming, and reading areas
Walkways leading from parking areas to entries

Restricted Areas: Public access is prohibited.

Library areas so designated: Employee information technology work areas
Employee offices and personal workspaces
Employee lounge and break areas
Equipment rooms/areas

Ramps and loading docks
Shrub and flowerbeds
Storage areas

II. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

It is the intent of the Board that the Library Director establish the administrative rules/procedures necessary to implement this policy. These rules should, as much as possible, promote and foster pluralism in the Library environment by balancing the First Amendment freedom of speech and assembly rights of members of the public with the Board's right and responsibility to maintain a level of safety and decorum appropriate to the Library's mission.

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