



BLOUNT COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Bound Together

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Blount County Public Library Petitioning, Polling Place, and Political Campaign Policy

Blount County Public Library (BCPL) is pleased to serve as a polling location. BCPL is committed to ensuring our community's access to library programs, resources, services and the safety of our patrons on the premises during polling.

When BCPL is selected as an early, regular, or runoff voting site, the following policies will apply:

1. Unless BCPL is functioning as an active voting site, no signs are permitted at any time on BCPL property.
2. Petitioning of any kind is not permitted inside the library. Public petitions may exist 100 feet outside of BCPL property provided they do not impede access to the parking lot and/or into the building, or establish a harassing environment for library patrons.
3. Organizations or individuals may not set up a campaign collection/donation station, occupied or vacant, inside the library.
4. Signage may only be displayed on library property no earlier than sixty (60) days prior to an election, and must be collected within five days after the polls close or they will be discarded. Commercial signage is prohibited.
5. Signs may not be hung on library property (example: trees, windows, other signs, etc.).
5. The use of amplifying devices within 100 feet of the library building is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: bullhorns, speakers, microphones, and loud music.
6. Blount County Election Commission staff, not BCPL staff, will monitor the 100 feet boundary rules consistent with the state of Tennessee and Blount County Election Commission throughout the voting period.

Blount County does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d).