OUTDOOR SPACES USE POLICY

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As a private 501(c)3 organization, Massanutten Regional Library (MRL) balances First Amendment rights and public use of our outdoor spaces with providing a welcoming experience for our patrons. Everyone has an equal right to access library services and facilities; no person has the right to interfere with the ability of others to use and enjoy library resources, facilities, and services.

Any member of the public that hinders access to a book drop, entrance, or exit will be asked to relocate, and any behavior that disrupts patron safety or hinders public use of MRL is prohibited.

Unless advance written approval is given by the Library Director, soliciting, canvassing, conducting surveys, and/or conducting religious or community outreach on MRL premises is prohibited per the MRL patron responsibility and conduct guidelines.

Camping and overnight parking on MRL property are not permitted. MRL is not responsible for theft or damage to vehicles or their contents.

Using water spigots, outside electrical outlets, or tampering with lighting on MRL property is prohibited unless authorized in writing by library personnel.

MRL branches in Broadway, Elkton, and Grottoes operate in spaces owned by towns or localities, and these local ordinances will supersede this policy when applicable.

Central Library is private property, including outdoor spaces as outlined on the appended map. No soliciting, canvassing, conducting surveys, and/or religious or community outreach may be done on private property (Central Library) without written authorization from the Library Director, who will then notify library staff. Staff will direct those soliciting, canvassing, conducting surveys, and/or conducting religious or community outreach without written authorization to public property, outlined on the appended map.

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