



South Haven Memorial Library - Political Policy

The South Haven Memorial Library serves as an information resource for the entire community and seeks to make information available to all area residents on a wide variety of political issues and candidates. However, in order to avoid the appearance of an endorsement by the Library of any candidate for office or issue appearing on the ballot, the following policy with respect to political activity on Library premises has been adopted:

The Library will provide space for campaign literature or position papers and make these available for inspection and distribution. The Library will make campaign literature available from all candidates or issues, but will make no claim as to the accuracy of the information. It is the responsibility of the candidate, not the Library, to ensure that an adequate supply of literature is available for distribution.

No candidacy or issue petitions will be circulated or posted at the Library.

Non-partisan organizations may Sponsor panels of candidates for office, or panel discussions of issues, so long as the following criteria are met:

- 1) Representatives for at least two (2) contrasting points of view must be invited to present for similar amounts of time.
- 2) If only one presenter attends, the meeting must be canceled.
- 3) Scheduling and use of Library facilities must adhere to the [Community Meeting Room Policy](#)
- 4) The Sponsor accepts responsibility to maintain the safety of the attendees

Public presentations by individual candidates or supporters or opponents of a ballot issue will not be held on the premises.

The Library's facilities may not be used as a campaign headquarters or meeting site for campaign committees. As paid representatives of the Library, it is understood that SHML staff members have an obligation to maintain the political neutrality of the Library, and therefore will refrain from any active or passive Campaign activities while on Library premises.

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