

**Northern Tier Regional Library
Solicitation and Community Collections Policy**

Purpose

Libraries serve as community gathering places, and are often identified as a place where groups, businesses, and organizations can connect with the public. The Northern Tier Regional Library (NTRL) seeks to create an environment where everyone feels welcome and comfortable, and to ensure that patrons are able to use the library resources without interference or disruption.

Solicitations and Community Collections

NTRL does not allow solicitation by any for-profit organizations on library property.

NTRL may be asked to serve as a collection point for other non-profits and/or community organizations. While there are many worthwhile organizations seeking to utilize library space, NTRL reserves the right to decline such requests due to space considerations and the fact that many patrons believe these collections are benefiting the library.

Exceptions to this policy may be made to non-profits whose mission is in keeping with the stated mission of the library, or those which provide a direct financial benefit to the library. In these cases, collection will be limited to one organization at a time, for a period of one month. Such exceptions may be made based upon approval by the Director and/or the Library Board of Trustees.

Approval of a collection point does not constitute the library's endorsement of the organization. The library will only provide space for collection, and is not responsible for loss or damage to items.

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