

TITLE: Access to Political and Election Information		POLICY: B-2011
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Connecting the People of Edmonton to Political and Election-Related Information

In keeping with its mandate, the Edmonton Public Library (EPL) is committed to proactively providing authoritative, consistent, non-partisan access to information relating to all three orders of government – municipal, provincial and federal. Such information is intended to support the people of Edmonton in becoming informed about government and political party policies and programs, electoral processes, election issues, and candidates. Library staff will assist customers in finding the information they require. EPL may, on occasion, organize/host public discussions on topics of political interest and/or public election forums.

Use of Library Premises for Political Purposes

Library premises shall not be used to promote political parties, their policies, election issues, or candidates. Candidates for election, and their supporters, shall not enter Library facilities for the purpose of campaigning and no related materials may be displayed or left at Library locations. Where a Library facility has exterior grounds, such property shall not be used for the political purposes described here or for the display of campaign signs.

The foregoing does not preclude political parties, groups, candidates or individuals from renting Library facilities for the purpose of holding meetings or forums. During the time of rental, candidates are permitted to display campaign material within the rented library space. Such materials may not be left or displayed within Library locations before or after events of this nature.

This policy does not prohibit approved Library advocacy initiatives.

Related Board Policies

[Customer Conduct – Management of Policy A-1009](#)

[Meeting Rooms Policy B-2006](#)

Use of Public Spaces Policy A-1049