

**Subject: Public Performance on Library Grounds**

**Purpose:**

To permit a welcoming backdrop for creative expression consistent with the library's role as a cultural resource.

**Policy:**

Consistent with Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library's mission to inform, inspire, empower and connect the people we serve, individuals and groups may deliver public entertainment – musical, spoken word, theatrical, visual, dance, or other performance – on library property. Such performances must be outside the library building; at least 20 feet from any library entrance; be delivered without amplification; and not obstruct access by any patron to any library services or programs. Performers shall limit their performance durations to one hour each day.

While solicitation of money is not permitted per *MFRL Policy 312: Solicitation*, performing on library property with a receptacle for donations, such as a "tip jar" or open instrument case will not be deemed as solicitation. No donation may be suggested verbally, and no goods or services may be sold. Performers and audiences must be in compliance with *MFRL Policy 115: Patron Behavior*.

If accepting donations, the legal guardians of performers under age 18 are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with Virginia labor laws, which restrict the type, time, and place of compensated labor performed by minors.

Attachments: None

References: Policy 312: Solicitation  
Policy 115: Patron Behavior  
Virginia Child Labor (Code of Virginia § 40.1-78 et. seq.)

Approval:  
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Date

  
Suzanne R. Mellen, Chair