

**Petitioning at Libraries:
Library Day, Saturday, March 10, 12 to 5 pm**

By the time you read this, we may already have an agreement with the Library to petition with no hassles. We are already planning another "Library Day" for Saturday, March 10th from 12 to 5 pm. We will be promoting this as a big finale for the petition for a public vote on CodeNEXT. Therefore, we would like to be at most or all of Austin's public libraries.

Although the city-owned libraries are public property, while petitioning at them, we believe you most adhere to the following rules:

1. **Stand on the sidewalk areas which allow you to meet with the foot traffic from the parking lots into the building.** At a few libraries (such as Howson) these sidewalks are along the outer-perimeter of the property, the sidewalks used by people walking in the neighborhood. But at most of the libraries you should use the sidewalk for foot traffic entering the facility from the parking lot.
2. **Be polite at all times.** No arguments and no curtness, please. If they don't readily express interest, let them go. If they ask questions, of course, answer them, but we ask you to refrain from debates.
3. **Do not crowd the door or the foot traffic.** We suggest that you remain at least 20 feet from the door, if you can and still catch the foot traffic. If it is raining and there is a large enough overhang, you can get under it, but *do not crowd the doorway*.
4. **Do not set up a table.** We may eventually get permission from the libraries to allow you to bring a table and chair, but *we do not yet* have this agreement.

If there is any problem, get the name of the person and what they're position is at the Library and call Linda Curtis at 512.657.2089. If you are being asked to leave, ask them politely for (1) the reason you've been asked to leave and (2) what rule they are citing. If you can get pictures or a video of the incident, please do: include a picture of where you were standing and, if appropriate, the place you are being asked to move to.

Thank you, so very much, for stepping up to get this done!