

Purpose

Members of the public are welcome to share their comments and concerns about library-related issues with members of the Library Board. This policy states the procedures and rules of conduct which will facilitate a fair and orderly expression of public comments.

Open Board Meetings

Meetings of the Grand Ledge Area District Library are open to the public so citizens may have the benefit of observing Board business. All formal action by the Library Board takes place during public meetings. All meetings are noticed and held in accordance with the "Open Meetings Act."

General Guidelines

The Library Board meetings follow the order of business presented in the Agenda. Citizens may speak during "Public Comment" as designated on the meeting agenda.

Citizens wishing to speak at a Library Board meeting are encouraged to sign in with the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Visitors will be recognized by the Board President and invited to speak no longer than five (5) minutes. Visitors will state their name and address prior to speaking.

Any group desiring to address the Board must notify the Library Director at least one (1) week prior to the next Board meeting. Said group shall be limited to three (3) speakers, each of which is subject to the five (5) minute per person per meeting limitation.

Comments from speakers must be civil and respectful. Infractions will result in loss of remaining time or expulsion from the meeting by order of the Board President, after one warning.

Board members may question speakers but the Library Board will not enter into a debate or conversation during this portion of the meeting. The Board President will thank the speaker and may refer the issue to the Director for investigation, study and/or recommendation or designate the issue be included as a future agenda item or answer the issue through written communication.

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