§ 702.3 Demonstrations.

(a) Library buildings and grounds are designated as limited public forums, except for those areas designated as nonpublic forums. However, only Library grounds (defined in 2 U.S.C. 167j), not buildings, may be utilized for demonstrations, including assembling, marching, picketing, or rallying. In addition, as the need for the determination of other matters arises, the Librarian will determine what additional First Amendment activities may not be permitted in a limited public forum. In making such determination, the Librarian will consider only whether the intended activity is incompatible with the primary purpose and intended use of that area.

(b) The Director, Integrated Support Services, shall designate certain Library grounds as available for demonstrations. Persons seeking to use such designated areas for the purpose of demonstrations shall first secure written permission from the Director, Integrated Support Services. An application for such permission shall be filed with Facility Services no later than four business days before the time of the proposed demonstration and shall include:

1. The name of the organization(s) or sponsor(s) of the demonstration;
2. The contact person’s name and telephone number;
3. The proposed purpose of the demonstration;
4. The proposed location of the demonstration;
5. The date and hour(s) planned for the demonstration;
6. The anticipated number of demonstrators;
7. A concise statement detailing arrangements for the prompt cleanup of the site after the demonstration;
8. Any request for permission to use loudspeakers, microphones, or other amplifying devices, hand held or otherwise; and
9. A signed agreement by the applicant(s) to comply with Library regulations and terms and conditions established for the demonstration.

(c) Upon receipt of an application, Facility Services shall forward the application, along with any comments and recommendations, to the Director, Integrated Support Services, within one business day of the office’s receipt of said application. The Director, Integrated Support Services, shall respond to the request within three business days of his or her receipt of said application. The Director, Integrated Support Services, shall request advice from the Office of the General Counsel on any legal questions arising from said application.

(d) Permission to demonstrate shall be based upon:

1. The availability of the requested location;
(2) The likelihood that the demonstration will not interfere with Library operations or exceed city noise limitations as defined by District of Columbia regulations; and

(3) The likelihood that the demonstration will proceed peacefully in the event that a volatile situation in the United States or abroad might lead to a potentially harmful threat toward the Capitol complex, including Library buildings and grounds.

§ 702.4 Photographs.

(a) The policy set out herein applies to all individuals who are photographing Library of Congress buildings.

(b) Special permission is not required for photographing public areas, if no tripods, lights or other specialized equipment is used. Public areas do not include reading rooms, exhibition areas or other areas where photographing is prohibited by signage.

(c) For all other photographing, requests for permission must be made at least one week prior to the photographing. The Director of Communications, or his/her designee, is authorized to grant or deny permission, in writing, to photograph the interior of Library buildings and may set the conditions under which the photographing may take place. Such conditions may include provision for a fee for services rendered consistent with the Library’s policies and procedures for the revolving fund under 2 U.S.C. 182b.

§ 702.5 Gambling.

Participation in any illegal gambling, such as the operation of gambling devices, the conduct of an illegal pool or lottery, or the unauthorized sale or purchase of numbers or lottery tickets, on the premises is prohibited.

§ 702.6 Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances.

(a) The use of alcoholic beverages on the premises is prohibited except on official occasions for which advance written approval has been given and except for concessionaires to whom Library management has granted permission to sell alcoholic beverages on the premises.

(b) The illegal use or possession of controlled substances on the premises is prohibited.

§ 702.7 Weapons and explosives.

Except where duly authorized by law, and in the performance of law enforcement functions, no person shall carry firearms, other dangerous or deadly weapons, or explosives, either openly or concealed, while on the premises.

§ 702.8 Use and carrying of food and beverages in Library buildings.

Consumption of food and beverages in Library buildings is prohibited except at point of purchase or other authorized eating places. Under no circumstances may food or beverages be carried to the bookstacks or other areas where there exists significant risk to Library materials or property or where there may result a detraction from the dignity or efficiency of public service.

§ 702.9 Inspection of property.

(a) Individuals entering Library buildings do so with the understanding that all property in their possession including, but not limited to, suitcases, briefcases, large envelopes, packages, and office equipment may be inspected.

(b) Upon entering the Library buildings privately owned office machines including but not limited to typewriters, computing machines, stenotype machines, and dictating machines, shall be registered with the police officer at the entrance to buildings for the purpose of controlling such equipment.

(c) In the discharge of official duties, Library officials are authorized to inspect Government-owned or furnished property assigned to readers and the general public for their use, such as cabinets, lockers, and desks. Unauthorized property or contraband found in the possession of members of the Library staff, readers, or the general public as a result of such inspections will be subject to confiscation by Library officials.

§ 702.10 Protection of property.

(a) Any person who shall steal, wrongfully deface, injure, mutilate, tear, or destroy library materials, or