

Morgan County Public Library Public Comment Policy

Public comment about the Morgan County Public Library is welcome by the MCPL Board of Trustees whenever it is motivated by a sincere desire to improve the quality of our public library system. Any person or group having an interest in the operation of the Library may, in accordance with this policy, present a request, suggestion, comment, or concern related to the operations of the Library.

Concerns related to items in the Library's circulating collection, programs, or displays shall be submitted in writing using the Request for Reconsideration form. Concerns thus submitted in writing will be reviewed by the Library in accordance with the Collection Development Policy. A written decision or response will be provided.

Public comments at MCPL Board of Trustees meeting are reserved for individuals who reside or own property or business owners that operate within the MCPL district. Each may receive one three-minute allotment to allow for an efficient meeting. Persons wishing to address the Board will be asked to sign-in before the meeting with their name, home/business address, group affiliation (if any) and topic to address. Comments regarding agenda items will be allowed at the beginning of the meeting. All other comments will occur at the end of the meeting.

Polite and professional interactions are expected; the Board will not tolerate abusive or inappropriate language or statements including, but not limited to statements that are: threatening, harassing, illegal, defamatory, libelous, hostile, or personal attacks. Comments should be directed to the Board, not an individual board member. The purpose of public comment is to give Board of Trustees as much information as possible, not to engage in debate. The Board President may take appropriate action to maintain order at a meeting, including stopping the speaker, limiting comments, or removing any person who is willfully disruptive during the meeting.