5.02 Social Media Policy

The Library uses social software tools as a limited public forum to share ideas, opinions, and information about Library-related subjects and issues for educational, cultural, civic, and recreational purposes. Social software is defined as any web application, site or account offered by the Library that facilitates the sharing of opinions and information about Library related subjects and issues including blogs, listservs, websites, social network pages like Facebook and Twitter, and patron ratings and lists of Library materials.

What You Can Expect of Us

Library staff exercises editorial control on our social media platforms to create a safe and welcoming environment, and to support our aim to create online communities around the Library and its services. We moderate comments and the Library reserves the right to remove content that is unlawful, is off topic, or otherwise does not comply with our expectations below. We strive to keep our Library communities like our Library locations: safe and welcoming.

Postings by users do not indicate Library endorsement of the ideas, issues, links, or commentary posted. Additionally, endorsement is not implied via "following," "friending," or otherwise linking to other online entities.

What We Expect of You

- When you choose to share comments, lists, or other information in the Library's social software, you agree to do so with responsibility and respect for the Library's communities and purpose.
- Always communicate with respect. Be considerate of others. Obscene, harassing, or abusive language is not tolerated.
- Act legally and ethically. Acting or attempting to act in violation of state, federal, or local law, ordinance, or regulation, or Library policy, is prohibited.
- Protect your privacy. Do not post personally identifying information. Young people under age 18, especially, should not post information such as last name, school, age, phone number, address.

The Library reserves the right to remove posts that include:

- Copyright violations
- Off topic comments
- Commercial material/spam
- Duplicated posts from the same individual
- Obscene language
- Specific and imminent threats
- Libelous comments
- Images

By choosing to comment on the Library's social software you agree to these expectations. Violation of the Social Media Expectations may result in warnings or exclusions from our social software tools.