

This policy addresses the conditions under which photographing and filming may occur in library facilities, on library grounds, and at its events, and is intended to allow for such actions while preserving the privacy rights of individuals as well as the operations of the library. This policy also addresses the conditions under which the library may publish or distribute recordings of its employees or patrons for the library’s educational or promotional purposes.

Definitions:

- A. Film or filming: Any method of recording an individual’s image and/or voice, including audio recording and video recording, as well as the product of such actions.
- B. Library-sponsored events: All activities sponsored by the library, including classes, programs, exhibits, contests, oral readings, social events, arts/crafts activities, children’s activities and similar gatherings

Policy:

The library permits photographing and filming, both inside and outside library facilities, only to the extent that such actions do not violate individual rights to privacy, interfere with the operations of the library, or fail to comply with the library’s mission and standards of behavior. library staff have the authority to immediately terminate any photographing or filming session which appears to interfere with library operations, compromises public safety or security, has the potential of damaging library facilities or property, jeopardizes the mission of the library, or otherwise fails to comply with the requirements of this policy.

Library staff, or other representatives of the library, may photograph or film library employees or members of the public attending library-sponsored events under the following conditions:

Generally, patrons’ consent to be photographed or filmed at library sponsored events shall be implied by virtue of their attendance at the event. However, if any adult, child, or adult on behalf of a child requests not to be photographed or filmed, that request shall be honored. Library staff must utilize a reasonable method to ensure such individuals are not photographed or filmed, and that no taken images of them are retained. When practical, library staff will provide oral notice of recording or photography to the public attending the event. All photographing and filming shall be conducted in an open manner which provides notice to the subjects of such conduct.

Photographs and film taken by library representatives in library facilities or at library-sponsored events are to be used solely for library educational, promotional, and publicity purposes. The library may publish photographs and films it has taken of its employees and patrons on the

library's social media platforms and public website, as well as in printed publications. In addition, the library may publish for promotional purposes any photos, images, or film submitted by its patrons in connection with the library's online galleries, contests, classes or events. If any of the images the library wishes to publish contain the image of a child, library staff shall obtain written consent from a parent/guardian prior to publishing the child's full name or other identifying information. Upon request of an individual, the library shall refrain from publishing the name or other identifying information about that individual pictured in an image the library wishes to publish.

The library may use video surveillance taken of the interior and exterior of library buildings to ensure safety and security. The library may choose to voluntarily disclose footage to law enforcement officials if it encounters specific problems or issues. Surveillance recordings shall not be made public by outside request unless expressly required by applicable law or Court order. Requests for copies of surveillance recordings by law enforcement shall be immediately forwarded to the library Director and/or designee for review and consideration.

Casual amateur photographing or filming in or outside of library facilities by individuals unrelated to the library does not require special permission from the library, provided it is done in public areas, no additional equipment is used (such as supplemental lighting) and that it does not interfere with library operations or involve unrelated minors. Members of the public must honor requests from individuals who do not wish to be included in any photography or film, and have the sole responsibility for obtaining all necessary releases and permissions from the subject individuals. Members of the public are responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions to photograph, film, and/or distribute copyrighted materials.

Groups meeting in the library Meeting Rooms may film their events or arrange for professionals to photograph or film their event. Such activities must be restricted to the space reserved by the group and may not take place in other areas of the library facility.

Professional photographing and filming in or of library facilities requires advance written authorization from the library Board. Requests for such authorization must be received by the library Director and/or designee at least 2 months in advance and include a detailed project scope.

Revision approved by Board:

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