

**Section II: Service Policies**

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**TITLE: Photography and Video Policy**

- I. General Policy

Permission is not required for taking photographs or videos in public areas of the library building for personal, noncommercial use if no tripods, lights, or other specialized equipment is used. However, there may be library locations where the taking of photographs or videos is restricted or prohibited (i.e., restrooms, rooms reserved for nursing, and changing rooms). Taking photographs or videos of, or in, areas reserved for staff use only is also prohibited. If tripods, lights, or other specialized equipment is to be used, requests must be made in advance. Persons taking photographs and videos shall not (i) compromise a patron or staff member's right to privacy by taking photographs or videos in any of the prohibited areas stated above, (ii) harass, intimidate, or threaten a patron or staff member, or (iii) block library aisles, walkways, stairwells, doors, or exits.
- II. Exterior Photography and Videos

Taking photographs and videos outside of the library building and/or of the library grounds does not require permission. However, the activity may not impede the ingress or egress of patrons or staff to or from the library building.
- III. Commercial Photography and Videos

The library may permit use of its facilities for the taking of commercial photographs or videos if the project does not interfere with the mission of the library and is in accordance with the rest of this policy. Permission must be sought in advance.
- IV. Photography and Videos of Materials and Resources

The library permits the taking of photographs and videos of its publicly available collections. However, obtaining consent or other permissions required for taking photographs or videos of copyrighted materials is the sole responsibility of the individual taking the photographs or videos.
- V. Library Photography, Videos, and Recording

The library may take photos, videos, and audio recordings at the library and during library events to use in its publicity materials and on its website and social media sites. The library reserves the right to document its services and the public's use of

the library building and grounds. These photographs, videos, and audio recordings may be copied, displayed, televised, and published (including on any library web site or social media site). Any individual that does not wish the library to use a photograph or video of themselves or their child should inform a library staff member prior to or while such photographs or videos are being taken.

VI. Library Board Meetings

Pursuant to Section 120/2.05 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.), any person may record the proceedings of the Library Board and other meetings required by the Act to be open to the public. The recordings may be made by tape, film or other means and shall not disrupt the meeting or create a safety hazard.

VII. Liability

Persons involved in taking photographs or videos are solely liable for any injuries to persons or property that result from their activities on library property. They also have sole responsibility for obtaining all necessary releases and permissions required by law from persons who can be identified in any photograph or video or for copyrighted materials. The library undertakes no responsibility for obtaining these releases or permissions.

VIII. Compliance with Policy

The library reserves the right to ask any individual or group violating this policy to cease the taking of photographs or videos.

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