

400-02 — Social Media

Statement of Purpose

This policy governs Fairport Public Library's participation in online venues and social media, defined here as any web application or website for online publication and commentary, including but not limited to blogs, wikis, and social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram). The Library makes use of these tools to connect with and be more easily accessible to current and potential library users. Social media allows the Library to meet users where they are and give staff and public a convenient way to interact and share information, ideas, and opinions on a range of topics related to the Library's mission, collections, and services.

Rights and Responsibilities of the Library

The Library's social media sites serve as "limited public forums." The Library sets rules for use of its online venues and social media sites, just as it does for its other resources and communications. Comments/posts will be moderated by library staff for content and relevancy. The Library reserves the right to deny or remove any comments, tags, and/or images/videos that violate the law, the rights of any third party, or library policies. The Library reserves the right to ban or block users who have posted in violation of this policy.

The sharing of content from third party social media pages or accounts by the Library does not constitute an endorsement by the Library of that group or the individual's beliefs or views. Any views expressed by a user of the Library's social media sites are those of the individual author and do not represent the official views of the Library.

User Responsibilities and Use Restrictions

Users of all ages have the responsibility to protect their privacy and should not post personally identifying information, such as last name, school, age, phone number, or address. The Library does not act in place of, or in the absence of, a parent.

Users may not post comments, tags, or images/videos that impinge on another's privacy or that may be considered objectionable or inflammatory. Violations include, but are not limited to:

- off-topic and/or disruptive posts
- commercial promotions or spam
- duplicated posts from the same individual
- threatening language and personal attacks
- private or personal information published without consent
- obscene or libelous content
- political advocacy
- posts that violate library policies
- posts which violate or potentially violate local, state, or federal laws, including, without limitation, intellectual property, and copyright laws

- posts which discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, handicap, age, sexual orientation, creed, or ancestry
- posts which are sexually harassing, including, without limitation, epithets, slurs, negative stereotyping, sexual rumors that show hostility toward individuals based on gender, derogatory comments about individuals' body or appearance, unwelcome sexual compliments, innuendos, suggestions, or jokes

By participating in the Library's social media services, each user agrees to abide by the Library's policies and all applicable federal, state, and local laws. By participating in these services, each user agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Fairport Public Library and their members, officers, trustees, and employees from and against any and all claims, actions, causes of actions, costs, expenses, liabilities, or damages (including attorney's fees) that arise out of or are related to the content posted by said user.

Fairport Public Library will periodically evaluate the role and utility of its online venues and social media, which may be terminated at any time. This policy is designed to supplement the Library's Internet Use and Safety Policy, and the Rules of Conduct policy.

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