

Social Media Policy for Washington County Library Customers

Derived from Washington County Policy XXXX (DRAFT) Internet Website and Web-based Social Media

Definition of social media

Social media is defined as any web application, site or account offered by the library that allows the sharing of opinions and information about library related subjects and issues. Social media includes websites, social network pages or posts to community reviews and reader ratings of library materials.

Policy

Washington County Library offers social software tools including FaceBook, YouTube, Flickr and Twitter for informational and recreational purposes. Library social software tools provide a limited (or designated) public forum to share ideas, opinions and information about library-related subjects and issues. Library social software is intended to create a welcoming and inviting online space where library customers will find useful and entertaining information and can interact with library staff and other library customers. Comments are moderated by library staff and the library reserves the right to remove comments that are unlawful or off topic.

Rules for commenting

Site visitors who post comments to the site are required to sign their real names to any postings. Posts containing the following are against county rules and will be deleted before posting or removed by library staff:

1. Obscenities
2. Comment demeaning other people
3. Comment that is libelous/slanderous
4. Inaccuracies
5. Comments not related to the specific content of the site
6. Comments on elections
7. Solicitations of commerce
8. Sexual content or links to sexual content

By choosing to comment you agree to these rules.

Privacy

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 and address.