

Section A10

A10 – Social Media Policy

Statement of Purpose

The Daviess County Library provides social networking opportunities that offer an extension of library services and resources to connect users to information, education and recreation. These online tools enable library users to share information and opinions about library issues and subjects with library staff and other patrons. The library supports the idea of creating an environment for the purpose of bringing library users together.

Privacy Advisory

Posted content by library staff and users on social networks can be seen by the local library community and web users everywhere, making all comments public record. Daviess County Library reserves the right to modify or remove content that is slanderous, abusive, inappropriate or private information about individuals without their consent. To protect their privacy, social network users should not post personal information such as full name, age, school, address, phone number or library card number.

Rules for Commenting

Daviess County Library staff monitors comments and may remove comments including but not limited to:

- Plagiarized material
- Copyright violations
- Off-topic comments
- Inappropriate, sexually explicit, obscene, hateful or racist comments
- Personal attacks, insults, or threatening language
- Potentially libelous statements
- Comments or hyperlinks not directly related to the discussion
- Commercial promotion, advertisement, or spam
- Organized political activity
- Private or personal information, including name, age, phone number, address, and the like.
- Photos or images which fall into any of the above categories

Posted comments signify such poster's agreement to follow these rules. Users found in violation may be prohibited from future postings.

No Liability Clause

Individuals take sole responsibility in using social networking sites. The library is not responsible or liable for any social networking user on any message board, forum or any other area within the service. Posting content means that the user agrees to hold harmless and indemnify Daviess County Library and its officers and employees from and against all claims, judgments, costs (including attorney's fees), damages and liabilities resulting from or in relation to the user's comments, postings or opinions in any way. Any Daviess County Library link to an external website is not a sponsorship, authorization, affiliation or endorsement of that web site, including the products or services and owners of the website.

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