

Online Communications Policy¹

This policy governs the East Bonner County Library District's (The Library's) participation in any online platforms including library websites, social media accounts, newsletters, blogs, and messaging services. These tools are established as an enhancement to communication, collaboration, and information exchange between The Library, staff, patrons, and the general public. This policy applies to all users contributing to or commenting on those platforms.

Rights & Responsibilities

The Library regards online communications in the same way as its other information resources and communications. The Library does not endorse or review content of third-party sites. The Library is not responsible for enforcing restrictions which a parent or guardian may place on a minor's use of this resource. Posting on The Library's social media sites or online platforms gives The Library permission to use names, profile pictures, and the content of any posts made without compensation to the user or liability on the part of The Library.

User Responsibilities & 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.

Comments containing any of the following inappropriate forms of content are subject to removal or restriction:

- Comments which are potentially libelous
- Comments which are not topically related to the post
- Comments which are in support of or in opposition to political campaigns or ballot measures
- Profane, obscene, racist, or sexual language or content or links to such content
- Content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, religion, gender, marital status, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation
- Comments or conduct which encourages illegal activity
- Commercial messages, including advertisements, solicitations, and spam
- Information that may compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems
- Content that violates a legal ownership interest of any other party or contains confidential or proprietary information
- Harassing or threatening language
- Repetitive posts of the same material that disrupt normal operation of the forum
- Postings of, or requests for, other individuals' personal information, such as their phone number, address, financial accounts, etc.
- Impersonating someone else

The Library will periodically evaluate the role and utility of its online platforms and social media channels, which may be terminated at any time.

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