

Dunlap Public Library District

Policy on Photographing and Recording on Library Premises

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Notice: The Dunlap Public Library District (DPLD) is a public facility and a person's presence may be recorded or become publicly known. The Dunlap Public Library District facility is under 24-hour video surveillance.

Guidelines for members of the public:

1. Photographing, filming, and audio recording of Library programs is permitted provided that permission has been granted in advance by the presenter or the owner of any copyrighted material.
2. The Library permits taking photographs or videos in public areas of the library building for personal, noncommercial use. However, there may be library locations and/or exhibition areas where the taking of photographs or videos is restricted or prohibited (i.e., restrooms, rooms reserved for nursing, child care areas, museum artifacts, and archival materials).
3. Taking photographs or videos of, or in, areas reserved for staff use only is also prohibited. Persons taking photographs and videos shall not (i) compromise a patron or staff member's right to privacy, (ii) harass, intimidate, or threaten a patron or staff member, or (iii) block library aisles, walkways, doors, or exits either with equipment or by themselves. The library reserves the right to inquire of any member of the public who is actively taking photographs or videos.
4. 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.
5. 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. The library will charge a fee to offset costs incurred by the library to provide access to the facility and prior permission must be sought at least one week in advance.
6. 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.
7. Persons involved in taking photographs or videos 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.
8. Any individual that does not wish to have a photograph or video of them or their child taken should immediately inform the photographer/videographer.

Guidelines for DPLD Library Staff:

1. 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.
2. 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 them or their child should inform a library staff member prior to or while such photographs or videos are being taken.