



Duxbury Free Library Policy: Social Networking

Social networking software is defined as any website or application which allows Library staff and community members to interact via virtual communication and may allow users to associate a 'profile' or presence with the Library's. The Library assumes no liability regarding any event or interaction that takes place by any participant in any library-sponsored social networking service, and does not endorse or review content outside the pages created by Library staff.

Social networking sites may be hosted by the Library. These may be used for program promotion, reference assistance, general library information, or other similar activities. The role and usefulness of a Library site will be evaluated periodically by Library professional staff. A Library site may be terminated at any time without notice to the subscribers.

Public and staff comments, posts, and messages are welcome on Library sites. All such interactions will be regularly monitored and reviewed for content and relevancy by the Library. The Library reserves the right to edit or modify any postings or comments for space or content, while retaining the intent of the original post. All postings deemed unacceptable* or non-relevant will be removed.

The Library has the right to reproduce comments, posts, and messages in other public venues. Identifying information, other than first name, will be removed unless prior approval is granted by the user.

**Includes obscene or racist content, personal attacks or threatening language, potentially libelous statements, plagiarized or material under copyright, private or personal information published without consent, comments or hyperlinks unrelated to the content of the forum, the propagation of misinformation, commercial promotions or spam, organized political activity, images that fall in any of the above categories.*

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Board of Library Trustees and ratified or amended at that time.

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