



Social Media Policy

The Lewes Public Library engages patrons through many digital outlets, including an emailed newsletter, social media sites, websites, and other communication tools. These digital platforms allow the Library to increase awareness of and accessibility to library programs, resources, services, fundraisers, and events.

Public comments expressed on Library social media platforms do not reflect the views or positions of the Library, its officers, or its employees. The Library encourages its patrons to adhere to the established acceptable use policies of the host platform and to engage in civil discourse. Unacceptable behavior that may result in the removal of a post or the temporary blocking of a user could include speech that is not protected by the First Amendment, such as copyright violations, obscenity, child pornography, defamatory or libelous comments, or imminent or true threats against the library, library staff, or others.

POSTING ON LIBRARY SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS:

Comments on the Library's social media platforms containing any of the following forms of content shall not be allowed:

- A. Copyrighted or trademarked material.
- B. Spam and the advertising or sale of merchandise or services.
- C. Charitable solicitations or political campaigning.
- D. Comments not protected by the First Amendment.

PATRON PARTICIPATION:

By joining, utilizing, and/or posting on the Library's social media sites, patrons agree to comply with this Policy, and the Library's Policy on Internet and Computer Use, as applicable.

Patrons are personally responsible for their commentary. Patrons should be aware that they may be held personally and legally liable for commentary that violates state or federal laws.

REPORTING VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY:

Users may report violations of the Library's social media policy to the Library Director, Jill DiPaolo.



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