



Whitewater
PUBLIC LIBRARY

PHOTOGRAPHY, FILMING AND VIDEOGRAPHY POLICY

While the library is a public place, it is considered a “limited public forum” under federal law. Public libraries may reasonably restrict behavior in their buildings, particularly when the conduct would be disruptive to, or interfere with, the other library visitors or staff or be inconsistent with the library’s mission. As such, this policy is intended to protect library users who may be endangered or inconvenienced by having their photo or video image taken in the library.

- Visitors to the library or anyone participating in any library event will be advised through signage that their participation acts as consent to being photographed, filmed, or recorded, unless they indicate otherwise to library staff.
- In order to provide all the library’s users with the safest and most pleasant library experience, those wishing to use cameras and/or recording devices within the facility must have their request approved in advance by the Library Director, Assistant Director, the Youth Services Librarian or the Programming and Makerspace Librarian.
- Except as permitted by applicable law, no commercial or media photography, filming, video or audio recording may occur in the library without prior written permission and approval of the Library Director.
- Classes or events sponsored or conducted by the Whitewater Public Library may be photographed or video-recorded by the library’s staff or its representatives. Attendance at a library-sponsored class or event constitutes the consent of all attendees, and the consent of the parents or legal guardians of any minor children in attendance, to the use of those images or recordings for promotional use in print; online, including the library’s social media accounts; or broadcast at the sole discretion of the library.
- Photos, images, and videos submitted to the library by users for physical or online galleries or contests may also be used by the library for promotional purposes. To ensure the privacy of all individuals, images will not be identified using full names or personally identifiable information.

- Any consent granted to permit photography, filming, video or audio recording may be revoked at any time upon failure to comply with terms of the policy or other rules and regulations of the library.