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Policy on Photography, Videotaping, and Use of Other Recording Devices

Adopted by MCPL Board of Trustees[1], March 19, 2008

The Library?s *primary* mission is to provide library services to the residents of Monroe County. Photography, videotaping, or use of other recording devices may not interfere with the provision of library services. Staff will terminate any photography, videotaping, or recording session that appears to compromise public safety or security.

Individual Photography/Videotaping

Persons photographing, videotaping, or recording on library premises have the *sole* responsibility for obtaining the necessary releases and permissions from persons who are to be photographed, videotaped, or recorded. Taking photographs or videotaping of a minor requires the permission of the minor?s parent or guardian. The library undertakes *no* responsibility for obtaining these releases.

Commercial Photography/Videotaping

The library does not permit commercial photography or filming. Any exception requires the express written permission from the Library Director or the director?s designee.

Community organizations holding scheduled events or meetings in the library auditorium and/or library meeting rooms may arrange for their own commercial photography or videotaping/recording of their event. Such commercial photography and videotaping is *restricted* to the space reserved by the group, and the group is responsible for any necessary releases and permissions.

Library Staff Photography/Videotaping

The library reserves the right to document its services and the public?s use of the library. Official representatives of the library may take photographs, videotape, or use other recording devices within the library and at library-related events and activities for library purposes. These photographs and video may be copied, displayed, published (including on the library?s website), and telecast for such purposes as promotion, publicity, and news to inform the public about the library. All such photography/videotaping will be in accordance with library procedures.

This policy extends to photographs and filming by library staff at Friends of the Library events and at library booths and programs at public events in the community.

See also: MCPL Behavior Policy [2]

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Links:
[1] http://mcpl.info/library-trustees/board-trustees
[2] http://mcpl.info/geninfo/behavioral-rules
[3] http://mcpl.info/print/printpdf/geninfo/policy-photography-videotaping-and-use-other-recording-devices
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