



SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Purpose

Social Media provides a valuable and timely way for the Hamden Public Library to disseminate information about and promote library news, events, projects and services. It also serves to inspire conversation and expand the Library's connection with the community. The Hamden Public Library regards Social Media as equally important as any other venue for the dissemination of library information.

Definition of Social Media

Social Media is defined as any web application, site, or account created and maintained by the Hamden Public Library.

Usage Rules

The Hamden Public Library welcomes comments, posts, and messages from the community and recognizes and respects differences in opinion. However, all comments, posts, and messages will be periodically reviewed and the Hamden Public Library reserves the right to, but is not required to, remove any comment, post, or message that it deems inappropriate or off-topic.

The Hamden Public Library is not responsible for or liable for any content posted by any participant in a Library Social Media forum who is not a member of the Library's staff.

Users should have no expectation of privacy in postings on Library sponsored Social Media sites; by using such sites, you consent to the Library's right to access, monitor, and read any postings on these sites. Users must understand that Social Media is permanent, irretrievable, and public. Messages can potentially be read by anyone once posted, regardless of status on Friends, Follower, or Subscriber Lists. The Library recommends that users do not post their personal information or contact information on Social Media sites.

The Library reserves the right to reproduce comments, posts and messages in other public venues; such reproduction may be edited for space or content while retaining the original intent of the post.

The Library reserves the right to ban or block users who have posted in violation of this policy.

In addition, users are expected to abide by the terms and conditions set by third party Social Media platforms as well as follow appropriate Federal and State Law.

The Library asks that individual user complaints be addressed directly to the Library Administration so they can be addressed quickly and specifically. Social Media is not the mechanism used by the Library to document or address Library user problems and concerns, or influence Library policy, procedures, or programs.