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Photography and Filming Policy

The Library permits the use of photographic, digital imaging and film equipment so long as such use does not interfere with the public's right to enjoyment of the Library for its intended purpose or violate the privacy rights of any user of the Big Bend Village Library.

Photography or filming must avoid capturing identifiable likenesses of individuals without permission. All individuals photographing or filming on Library property must honor requests of individuals not to be included in photos or film. Photos of minors are prohibited without the explicit permission of the parent or legal guardian of the child.

Individuals wishing to take photos or film of any of the Library property for personal use may do so without special permission so long as such imaging is not disruptive to others.

Under no circumstances will a person be able to modify or rearrange the property of the Library for photographic purposes without first obtaining specific permission from the Library staff.

Photography and Recording by Big Bend Village Library Staff

The Big Bend Village Library may use photographs or recordings of staff, volunteers, and members of the public to promote and publicize the Library's programs, services, and collections.

Permission of individuals is not required if they are present at a public meeting, Library event or program and if they are not named or otherwise identified.

News and Media Photography

The Library shall grant access and permission to any media photographer who is recording a news story that directly involves the Library and its programs provided that advance notice is given to Library staff and that all Library policies are observed.

Liability

The Library accepts no liability for the use of photos or film resulting from the activity of any other person not under the direct supervision of the Big Bend Village Library.

Note that any persons filming or photographing on Library premises have the sole responsibility for gaining all necessary releases and permission from persons who are filmed, photographed, or imaged. Further, the photographer is solely responsible for ensuring that no copyright infringement occurs while conducting his or her activity. The Library undertakes no responsibility for obtaining such releases.

Rights of the Library

The Library reserves the right to enforce all above provisions at its sole discretion. The Library's priority is fulfilling the mission of the Big Bend Village Library, and as such has the right to terminate the activities of any person whom it feels in its sole discretion are inconsistent with such mission. All staff of the Big Bend Village Library are authorized to terminate any photography, filming, or imaging which appears to compromise the safety, security, and enjoyment of its patrons.

Approved on April 20, 2021 by the Big Bend Village Library Board