

Photography and Filming Policy

Marinette County Consolidated Public Library Service (MCCPLS), as part of the public environment, shall permit 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 patron within a MCCPLS library building.

Photography or filming designed to record a visit, activity or otherwise implement the library setting as a background is permissible, provided that such activity avoids capturing identifiable likenesses of individuals without permission. All individuals photographing or filming on library premises are asked to 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.

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. Advance authorization for such photography must be obtained from the Library Director or in his/her absence, the Branch Librarian in charge.

Individuals wishing to take photos or film of any of the library property, inanimate objects or similar items for personal use may do so without special permission so long as such imaging does not disrupt others enjoyment of or privacy within the library. Special or unique photography equipment, including but not limited to additional lighting, large tripods or large microphones shall not be permitted. Under no circumstances shall anyone be granted permission to take photographs of minor children without first obtaining explicit permission from that child's parent or guardian. Under no circumstances will a person be able to modify or arrange the property of the library for photographic purposes without first obtaining specific permission from the Library Director or in his/her absence, the Branch Librarian in charge.

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.

The library reserves the right to enforce all above provisions at its sole discretion. All staff of the MCCPLS is authorized to terminate any photography, filming or imaging which appears to compromise the safety, security, privacy or enjoyment of its patrons.