

## Social Media and Comment Policy

The library recognizes and respects differences in opinion and encourages comments and interactions that conform to this social media and Comment Policy. The library reserves the right to decline posting or to remove any comments, photographs, links, or posts that contain any of the following:

- Pornographic, obscene, or sexual content
- Threats of violence
- Content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination towards specific individuals or groups based on a protected class such as race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, or any other unlawful reason
- Conduct or encouragement of illegal or harmful activity
- Defamatory statements
- Plagiarized or copyrighted material
- Private, personal information published without consent
- Content totally unrelated to the content of the forum
- Hyperlinks to additional material
- Repetitive content that disrupts normal operation of the forum
- Solicitation of commerce or commercial activity or promotion
- Content that promotes or opposes a political party, person campaigning for elective office, or any ballot

proposition

- Spam, malware, or viruses

The library is not required to act and is not liable for any damage resulting from user-posted content. The library does not endorse the opinions expressed via posts and/or comments left by users on its social media sites, and the content posted does not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the library, its officers or employees. Social media users should exercise their own judgment about the quality and accuracy of any information presented through social media. By using this service, you, as a patron, agree to abide by the Library Social Media and Comment Policy and agree to indemnify the Library and its officers and employees, from and against all liabilities, judgments, damages, and costs (including

attorney's fees) incurred, which arise out of or are related to your acts or omissions, including claims arising out of your use of the Library's social media sites, your submissions, postings, or transmissions on the social media sites, your violation of any policies or rules governing the Library's social media sites, or your violation of any third party rights.

Library staff shall develop such rules and procedures as are necessary to ensure compliance with the social media and Comment Policy and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies including the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Illinois Local Records Act.

## WEBSITES

The Edward Chipman Public Library maintains a website that is an extension of the library's resources and supports its mission to provide relevant information to the community. The website may include links to information of public interest from a variety of non-profit, educational, and governmental organizations as well as internet research tools, and business partners when appropriate. These external websites are not maintained by the library and are provided as information sources only and are not officially endorsed by the library. Sites that no longer meet the informational needs of the community will be removed. Complaints or concerns about the website content will be handled under the Reconsideration of Materials policy.