

Patron Social Media Policy

The library invites you to follow and interact with information it publishes on social media venues such as Facebook. We encourage your comments and hope you will join in the discussions. The library's social media pages provide a family-friendly open forum. We ask that you follow our posting guidelines. Inappropriate messages and comments will be removed from public viewing.

Social Media Guidelines

By publishing any comments, posts, or other materials (including photos) on the library's social media pages, you give the library the right to reproduce, distribute, publish, display, edit, modify, delete, and otherwise use your submissions for any purpose in any form on any media. As a form of government, all comments are considered public comments and therefore retained and archived. You participate at your own risk, taking personal responsibility for your comments, your username and any information provided. The appearance of external links does not constitute official endorsement on behalf of the library.

You also agree that you will not:

- Post graphic, obscene, explicit, or racial comments or submissions, nor comments that are abusive, hateful, or intended to defame anyone or any organization.
- Post solicitations or advertisements. This includes promotion or endorsement of any financial, commercial, or non-governmental agency. Similarly, we do not allow attempts to defame or defraud any financial, commercial, or non-governmental agency.
- Post chain letters or pyramid schemes.
- Post comments that suggest or encourage illegal activity.
- Impersonate another person.
- Post the same note more than once, or "spam."

The library reserves the right (but is not obligated) to do any or all of the following:

- Edit or delete any communications posted, regardless of whether such communications violate these standards.
- Remove communications that are abusive, illegal, or disruptive, or that otherwise fail to conform with these guidelines.
- Terminate a user's access to the comment feature upon any breach of these guidelines.
- Finally, you agree that you will indemnify the library against any damages, losses, liabilities, judgments, costs, or expenses (including attorneys' fees and

costs) arising out of a claim by a third party related to any material you have posted.

Patron Social Media Policy approved by the Altoona Public Library Board of Trustees on September 19th, 2023.