

Whitehall Public Library Policies

Title	Social Networking Policy
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Purpose:

In support of its mission as a community resource for education, exploration, enrichment and enjoyment, the Library uses online social networking applications as a means for sharing information, interaction, and collaboration.

Statement of Policy:

Social Software is defined as any Web application, site or account created and maintained by the Library which facilitates an environment for library staff and library users to share opinions and information about library-related subjects/issues. The Library recognizes and respects differences in opinion. Comments, posts and messages are welcome and will be reviewed before publishing. The following will be removed before publishing:

- Obscene or racist content
- Personal attacks, insults, or threatening language
- Potentially libelous statements
- Plagiarized material
- Private, personal information published without consent
- Comments totally unrelated to the content of the forum
- Hyperlinks to material that is not directly related to the discussion
- Commercial promotions or spam

By posting content, the user agrees to indemnify the Library and its officers and employees from and against all liabilities, judgments, damages, and costs (including attorney's fees) incurred by any of them which arise out of or are related to the posted content. Forums and messaging may not be used for commercial purposes or for organized political activity.

The Library reserves the right to monitor content before it is posted on all their social software web sites and accounts. The Library also reserves the right to modify or remove any messages or postings that it

deems, in its sole discretion, to be abusive, defamatory, in violation of the copyright, trademark right, or other intellectual property right of any third party, or otherwise inappropriate for the service. They also reserve the right to edit or modify any submissions in response to requests for feedback or other commentary. Notwithstanding the above mentioned, the Library is not obligated to take any such actions and will not be responsible or liable for content posted by any subscriber in any forum, message board, or other area within the service. If any user does not agree to these terms, they are not to use the service.