Photography, Videography, and Recording Policy

The Library’s primary mission is to provide library services to the residents of the City of Burley and the surrounding area. Photography, videography, or the use of other recording devices may not interfere with the provision of the library services. Staff will terminate any photography, video, or recording sessions that appear to compromise public safety or security.

Individual and Library Materials

Persons photographing, videoing, or recording on library premises have the sole responsibility for obtaining the necessary releases and permissions from persons who are to be photographed, videoed, recorded, or from any person holding a copyright of any library collection materials that is to be photographed, videoed, or recorded. Taking photographs or video of a minor requires the permission of the minor’s parent or guardian. The library undertakes no responsibility for obtaining these releases.

Commercial Photography/Videography

The library does not permit commercial photography or filming. Any exceptions require the express written permission from the Library Director or director’s designee.

Community organizations holding scheduled events or meetings in the library auditorium and/or library meeting rooms may arrange for their own commercial photography, videography, or recording of their event. Such commercial photography and videography is restricted to the space reserved by the group, and the group is responsible for any necessary releases and permissions.

Library Staff Photography/Videography

The library is a public facility and patrons should have no expectation of privacy in the library’s public spaces. The library reserves the right to document its services and the public’s use of the library. Official representatives of the library or the City of Burley may take photographs, videography, or use other recording devices within the library and at library-related events and activities for library security and other purposes. These photographs and video may be copied, displayed, published (including on the library’s website and social media platforms). And telecast for such purposes as promotion, publicity, and news to inform the public about the library.

This policy extends to photographs and filming by library staff at Friends of the Library events, library foundation, and at library booths and programs at public events in the community.

See also: Burley Public Library Behavior Policy

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