

Abington Public Library Social Networking Policy

The Abington Public Library endeavors to develop collections, resources and services that meet the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of the community. It is within this context that the Abington Public Library uses social software to foster communication with library users.

The Abington Public Library defines social software as any website or application which allows users to share information. Some examples of social software are social networking sites, blogs, wikis, and instant messaging.

The Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed by patrons through social software and cannot be held responsible for content or quality. As with other Library materials, restriction of a child's access to social software is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian, not the Library staff.

The library's use of social networking sites may include program and resource promotion, reference help or other similar activities.

User feedback which is posted on a library social networking site is welcomed and will be regularly monitored and reviewed by the Library Director or designated staff members for content and relevancy. All postings which contain inappropriate content will be removed from any Abington Public Library social software site. Examples of inappropriate content include, but are not limited to:

- Obscene or racist content
- Personal attacks, insults or threatening language
- Potentially libelous statements
- Plagiarized material
- Private, personal information published without consent
- Comments or hyperlinks not related to the discussion
- Commercial advertisements or spam
- Organized political activity

Participants in Abington Public Library social software services agree to abide by all library policies including the Code of Conduct and all Internet policies.

The Abington Public Library assumes no liability regarding any event or interaction which may arise out of, or is related to the posted content.

Users should be aware that third party websites have their own policies, including privacy policies, and should proceed accordingly.

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