

303. Photography and Video Policy

The Tolono Public Library District has a significant interest in maintaining an environment that allows patrons to freely access library information and resources. This significant interest requires the library to maintain policies that protect the privacy of its patrons and staff members and ensures their freedom from harassment, intimidation, and threats to their safety and well-being. In order to provide appropriate safeguards against such behavior and enforce policies and procedures addressing that behavior when it occurs, the library has adopted the following policy regarding the taking of photographs or videos inside the library building.

I: General Policy

Permission is not required for taking photographs or videos in public areas of the Tolono Public Library District's building for personal, noncommercial use if no tripods, lights, or other specialized equipment is used. However, there may be library locations and/or exhibition areas where the taking of photographs or videos is restricted or prohibited (i.e. restrooms, rooms reserved for nursing, child care areas, museum artifacts, and archival materials). Taking photographs or videos of, or in, areas reserved for staff use only is also prohibited. If tripods, lights, or other specialized equipment is to be used, requests must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Persons taking photographs and videos shall not (i) compromise a patron or staff member's right to privacy, (ii) harass, intimidate, or threaten a patron or staff member or (iii) block library aisles, walkways, stairwells, doors, or exits.

II: Exterior Photography and Videos

Taking photographs and videos outside of the Tolono Public Library District's building and/or of the library grounds does not require permission. However, the activity may not impede the ingress or egress of patrons or staff to or from the library building.

III: Commercial Photography and Videos

The Tolono Public Library District may permit use of its facilities for the taking of commercial photographs or videos if the project does not interfere with the mission of the library and is in accordance with the rest of this policy. The Library will charge a fee to offset costs incurred by the library to provide access to the facility and prior permission must be sought at least one week in advance.

IV: Photography and Videos of Materials and Resources

The Tolono Public Library District permits the taking of photographs and videos of its publicly-available collections. However, patrons are solely responsible for obtaining consent or other permission when taking photographs or videos of copyright materials.

V: Library Photography, Videos, and Recording

The Tolono Public Library District may take photos, videos, and audio recordings at the library and during library events to use in its publicity materials and on its website and social media sites. The library reserves the right to document its series and the public's use of the library building and grounds. These photographs, videos, and audio recordings may be copied, displayed, televised, and published (including on any library website or social media site). Any individual that does not wish the library to use a photograph or video of them or their child should inform a library staff member prior to or while such photographs or videos are being taken.

VI: Library Board Meetings

Pursuant to Section 120/2.05 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.), any person may record the proceedings of the Library Board of Trustees and other meetings required by the Act to be open to the public. The recordings may be made by tape, film, or other means and shall not disrupt the meeting or create a safety hazard.

VII: Liability

Persons involved in taking photographs or videos are solely liable for any injuries to persons or property that results from their activities on Tolono Public Library District's property. They also have sole responsibility for obtaining all necessary releases and permissions required by law from person who can be identified in any photograph or video or for copyright materials. The Tolono Public Library District undertakes no responsibility for obtaining these releases or permissions.

VIII: Right to Subject to Compliance with Policy

The Tolono Public Library District reserves the right to ask any individual or group violating this policy to cease the taking of photographs or videos.