

## **Lester Public Library of Rome Social Networking Policy**

The Lester Public Library of Rome offers social media for educational, cultural, civic, and recreational purposes. Social media offered by the library provides a limited public forum to facilitate the sharing of ideas, opinions, and information about library related subjects and issues. The library's use of social media is intended to create a welcoming and inviting online space where library users will find useful and entertaining information and can interact with the library staff and other library users. The library recognizes and respects differences in opinion, and welcomes comments, posts, and messages.

The library reserves the right to monitor content before it is posted and to remove messages and postings that it deems to be unlawful, inappropriate, or off topic. The library is not responsible or liable for content posted by any user in any social media forum.

### Rules for Commenting

Do not post personally identifying information such as last name, school, age, phone number or address. Posts containing (but not limited to) the following are against library policies and will be deleted before posting or removed by the library staff to the extent the library has the ability to remove the comment:

- Obscene or racist content
- Personal attacks, insults, harassment, or specific and imminent threats
- Potentially libelous statements
- Plagiarized material
- Private, personal information such as comments, photographs, and images 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, organized political activity, or spam
- Copyright, trademark, and fair use violations
- Use of the library's name or logo

By posting content, the user agrees to the library's policies. The user recognizes that his/her comments are not the views of the library and therefore agrees to indemnify the library and its employees from and against all liabilities, judgments, damages, and costs incurred by any of them which arise out of or are related to the posted content. Parents are responsible for their minor children's use of the internet.

Misuse of the library's computers or any violations of the above rules may result in the loss of computer privileges, loss of library privileges, and/or criminal prosecution.

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