



PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RECORDING POLICY

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Jefferson County Library District facilities are public places and as such, anyone may take photographs or videos in public areas, subject to [RCW 63.60](#) and the restrictions set forth in this policy.

Filming and Photography by District Staff

The District reserves the right to document its services and the public's use of the District's facilities by taking photographs and making video or audio recordings of its programs, events, activities, and their participants for use in communications such as print and online communications, news media relations, social media, or other communication materials. Clearly written signage will be posted at the location of each District event indicating that photographs or video may be taken for use in Library communications and other library applications. The District will presume that participants have consented to this use unless the participant or the participant's caregiver (in the case of participants under the age of 18) informs District staff otherwise. The District will obtain written consent from any participant or the participant's caregiver before using any photograph or video of the participant in fundraising materials or solicitations of donations.

Filming and Photography by Others

Members of the public may engage in casual, non-commercial filming and photography while present in the public areas of District facilities or on District grounds. However, these activities may not interfere with the public's use of the spaces, staff delivery of services to the public, or an individual's reasonable expectation of privacy. Only handheld cameras may be used. Because of safety, liability, and other concerns, the use of additional equipment, such as tripods or lighting, is not permitted.

Non-flash photography and/or videotaping is permitted at District programs and events for personal use, not for publication or broadcast, provided that it is not disruptive. Taking photographs at author events is subject to the wishes of the individual author or paid performer/presenter.

No commercial photography or video recording is permitted in the District without the express permission of the Library Director, who will set the conditions under which the photography or recording may take place.

Community organizations holding scheduled events or meetings in the District meeting rooms may arrange for their own photography or video recording of their event

Photos and/or video of specific, copyrighted (or otherwise protected) materials for the purpose of redistribution is prohibited.

Staff may stop any photography or video recording that appears to interfere with the District's ability to conduct business, or that compromises public safety or security.