

Policy on Photography and Filming in the Library

Photography/Filming by Individuals

- Persons photographing or filming on library premises are responsible for obtaining the necessary releases and permissions from those who are to be photographed or filmed.
- Taking photographs or filming of a minor, under the age of 18, requires the permission of the minor's parent or guardian.
- The Worcester Public Library is not responsible for obtaining these releases.

Photography/Filming for Commercial Purposes

- Commercial photography or filming is not permitted in the Library without the express written permission of the Library Director, or a designated agent.
- Organizations holding scheduled events in the meeting rooms may arrange for their own photography or filming of their event. This photography and filming is restricted to the meeting room space reserved by the group, and the group is responsible for any necessary releases and permissions.

Photography/Filming by Library Staff

- The staff of the Worcester Public Library frequently engage in photographing or filming of library events to use in library publicity and promotional materials and on our website. The library reserves the right to document services and the public's use of the library.
- Representatives of the library may photograph and film within the library and at library-related events and activities for library purposes such as promotion, publicity, and news to inform the public about the library.
- Library staff will make every effort to notify members of the public when photography and filming are taking place.
- Please notify a staff member if you do not want yourself or your child/children to be photographed or filmed.

The Worcester Public Library reserves the right to restrict the use of its facilities and premises to persons who do not abide by the library's Policy on Photography and Filming in the Library and the Patron Behavior Policy. Personnel may ask persons who are exhibiting inappropriate behavior to modify their behavior. Noncompliance may result in the individual being banned from the library premises or in arrest and prosecution.