



SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The library maintains a presence on various social media platforms for the purpose of promoting the value and importance of library services and sharing information relevant to the community. To maintain a safe, welcoming, and informative environment while also preserving citizens' First Amendment rights, this policy sets minimal limits on online speech in the manner outlined below.

Comments containing any of the following content will not be permitted on Skokie Public Library social media sites and are subject to removal and/or restriction by the administrator of the sites or their designees, at any time and without prior notice:

1. Obscene, sexual, or pornographic content and/or language
2. Content that promotes discrimination by the library based on race, age, religion, gender, or other protected class
3. Content that violates an intellectual property interest (copyright or trademark)
4. True threats to any person
5. Conduct that violates any federal, state, or local law or encourages illegal activity
6. Spam or links to malware or viruses
7. Actual defamation
8. Commercial speech, such as advertising or solicitation

A comment posted by a member of the public on any Skokie Public Library social media site is the opinion of the poster only, and publication of a comment does not imply endorsement of, or agreement by the library, nor do the comments necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of the library.

All comments posted to any Skokie Public Library social media site are bound by the social media platform's terms of use and those of Skokie Public Library.

Users who enter private or personal information on Skokie Public Library social media sites do so at their own risk, and the library is not responsible for any damages resulting from the public display of, or failure to remove, private or personal information. Content posted on the library's social media sites may be subject to disclosure under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act and retention under the Local Records Act.

DENIAL OF ACCESS AND APPEAL PROCEDURE

The library reserves the right to deny access to its social media sites for any individual who repeatedly violates this Policy, at any time and without prior notice. Any denial of access may be appealed by making a written request to the library executive director by letter or email to libdirector@skokielibrary.info. The library will offer the patron a reasonable opportunity to be heard by the executive director or

their designee concerning information that the patron deems relevant. The executive director's decision on any appeal shall be final.

This Policy may be amended from time to time, and continued use of library social media sites will be construed as an acceptance of its terms.

Adopted by the Skokie Public Library Board of Trustees, February 12, 2026.

