EAST MOLINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Social Media Policy

Policy Statement

The East Moline Public Library (EMPL) uses various social media applications in support of the Library mission to **Connect** with library patrons and the community.

Monitoring and Compliance

The PR and Marketing team monitors the social media sites to ensure compliance with the Social Media Policy but monitoring is not 24/7.

The East Moline Public Library is subject to compliance with the First Amendment, and user comments may be protected free speech. User comments do not represent the views of EMPL, and EMPL does not endorse user comments or content posted on its pages or accounts.

Comments are not confidential or private. EMPL discourages users from sharing personal or sensitive information on EMPL social media accounts. Further, comments and messages on EMPL social media sites are likely to be subject to open records and retention laws.

Comment Rules

All comments or postings which contain any of the following will be removed and could result in the blocking or banning of users.

- Obscene, sexual, or pornographic content
- Content that promotes discrimination by the government on the basis of a protected class
- Content that violates a legal ownership of interest (copyright)
- Content that violates a law or encourages illegal activity
- Defamation
- Threats of violence
- Spam, malware, or viruses
- Promotion of any commercial activities
- Content that advocates or promotes a candidate, referendum, or campaign

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