

Social Media Policy:

In keeping with the Boyden Library's mission "to create an inclusive community hub that fosters lifelong learning, enrichment, and active community engagement," the Library participates in various social media platforms whereby library staff and community members can interact through virtual (internet) communication.

The Library uses social media to share information about upcoming events, programs, services, readers' advisory, updates to hours of operation and to keep users informed of activities at Boyden Library.

Public comments, posts, and messages are welcome on Boyden Library's social media sites. While the Boyden Library recognizes and respects differences of opinion, all such interactions will be regularly monitored and reviewed for content. All posts which contain any of the following will be removed and the user barred from posting any subsequent messages to Boyden Library social media sites:

- Obscene or racist content
- Personal attacks, insults, or threatening language
- Potentially libelous statements
- Plagiarized or copyrighted materials
- Private, personal information 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 or spam
- Organized political activity
- Photos or other images that fall in any of the above categories

Users may remove themselves at any time from the Library's "friends" or "fan" lists by following established procedures of the site owner, or request that the Library remove them. Users should be aware that third party websites have their own privacy policies and should proceed accordingly.

Any public comments expressed on Boyden Library's social media platforms do not reflect the views or positions of the Library or its staff. The Library is not responsible for the content of public comments. The use of links, references, or other third-party content does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation by the Boyden Library.

The role and utility of social media sites will be evaluated periodically by library staff, and may be terminated at any time without notice to subscribers.

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