

HELEN M. PLUM MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

U-10 Social Media

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The Helen M. Plum Memorial Public Library District (Library) uses various social media platforms to communicate information to its community about Library services, resources, upcoming events, and other library-related and community-related subjects.

Comment Policy

The Library recognizes and respects the First Amendment right to free speech. Social media is an interactive space that invites speech and is therefore a public forum.

The Library reserves the right to decline to post or to remove any comments, photographs, links, or posts that contain any of the following:

- Pornographic, obscene, or sexual content
- Threats of violence
- Content that promotes discrimination by the government on the basis of a protected class such as race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, or any other unlawful reason
- Conduct that violates a law or encourages illegal activity
- Defamatory statements
- Content that violates legal ownership interest (copyright)
- Private, personal information published without consent
- Content totally unrelated to the content of the forum
- Repetitive content that disrupts normal operation of the forum
- Solicitation of commerce or commercial activity or promotion
- Content in support of or opposition to a ballot proposition, political party or campaign
- Spam, malware, or viruses

The Library assumes no liability regarding any event or interaction involving any participant in any Library-sponsored social networking service. In addition, the Library reserves the right to reproduce comments, posts and messages shared on its platform in other public venues. Identifying information, other than first name, will be removed unless prior approval is granted by the user.

The Library does not endorse the opinions expressed via posts and/or comments left by users on its social media sites.

Records Retention and The Public Records Act

All social media posts and public comments are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and applicable record retention laws. Comments and posts removed from Library social media sites will be documented and retained in accordance with the Illinois Records Retention Act.

Public Access

All Library social media accounts are considered to be public forums containing official Library communication. The Library will not prevent users from accessing the information Library social media accounts contain. While the Library reserves the right to remove comments as addressed above, it will refrain from blocking users from viewing and interacting with Library accounts.