

SECURITY CAMERA POLICY

1. PURPOSE OF SECURITY CAMERAS

The Library has security cameras to enhance the safety and security of Library users, staff, and property. Security cameras are used to discourage illegal behavior and policy violations, to enhance the opportunity to apprehend offenders, and to provide recorded data relevant to the control of library security and operations. The security camera installation consists of dedicated cameras providing real-time surveillance through a central monitoring facility. There is no audio recording associated with the cameras.

2. SIGNAGE

The library posts a sign at the public entrances alerting patrons to the use of security cameras for monitoring and recording on library property.

3. STAFF ACCESS TO DIGITAL IMAGES

Live surveillance and recorded data are accessible in staff areas only. Only the following administrative staff members are permitted to release recorded archival data to law enforcement in compliance with this policy: Library Director and Managers.

4. COLLECTION OF DIGITAL IMAGES

Video footage is collected for library purposes. The library is under no legal obligation to collect video footage. Authorized staff may turn off surveillance for maintenance, or to ensure patron privacy.

5. ACCEPTABLE USE AND PATRON PRIVACY

a. Activity on library property

Authorized staff may use live surveillance, a still shot, or selected portions of recorded data to assess the security risk of a specific individual, to investigate a crime on library property, to request law enforcement assistance, to validate serious or repeated policy violations, to alert staff to banned or repeatedly disruptive individuals, or to address internal security / operational concerns. In the discharge of such duties, authorized staff members are permitted to connect the recorded digital image with identification data available on the library's patron databases.

b. Requests from law enforcement and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

Authorized staff may use live surveillance or recorded data to cooperate with DCFS, or with law enforcement investigations of criminal activity, missing persons, or runaways. Any such video data provided to law enforcement or DCFS will be with the knowledge and authorization of the Library Director when practicable. If the Library Director cannot be reached in a timely manner, a Manager may provide authorization.

c. Privacy

In all other respects, recorded data will be accorded the same level of confidentiality and protection provided to library users by Illinois State law, The Rochester Public Library policies, and the American Library Association policies on confidentiality and privacy, with footage released only in accordance with, and required by law.

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