

Sanibel Public Library District

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Online Social Networking

The Sanibel Public Library sponsors online social networking including but not limited to photo and video sharing, blogs other social networking sites to further its mission by providing experiences that encourage discovery, inspiration, and enrichment. These sites are also places for the public to share opinions about Library-related subjects and issues. Comments are welcome and may be reviewed prior to publishing.

Social Networking Acceptable Use

The goals of the Sanibel Public Library sponsored online social networking are:

- To increase the public's knowledge of and use of library services;
- To promote the value and importance of the Library System's services among the general public;
- To educate and inform the public on various topics not necessarily related to the library's services;
- To maintain open, professional and responsive communications with members of the public.

Publicly posted information will be professional and reflect positively on the Sanibel Public Library and its staff, volunteers and services. Staff shall check facts, cite sources, present balanced views, acknowledge and correct errors and check spelling and grammar before publishing any posts. Staff shall not post sensitive or proprietary Library information, including private information which can identify specific co-workers, patrons or any other persons affiliated with the Library without permission from that person or persons.

The Sanibel Public Library reserves the right to not publish any posting, or to later remove it.

The Sanibel Public Library will periodically evaluate the role and utility of its online venues and social media, which may be terminated at any time.

The Library does not act in place of or in the absence of a parent or guardian and is not responsible for enforcing any restrictions which a parent or guardian may place on a minor's use of these resources. The Sanibel Public Library does not endorse or review content outside the specific pages created for the Library by Library staff.

Comments from the Public

The Sanibel Public Library welcomes comments, posts and messages on the Library's social networking sites and respects differences of opinion. However, where moderation of comments is an available option, comments from the public will be moderated before posting by the Sanibel Public Library's designated staff editors. The Sanibel Public Library reserves the right to modify or remove postings that it deems, in its sole discretion, to be abusive, obscene, defamatory, potentially libelous, private, personal information published without consent, commercial promotions or spam, in violation of the copyright, trademark right or other intellectual property right of any third party, or otherwise inappropriate.

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The Sanibel Public Library also reserves the right to edit or modify any submissions in response to requests for feedback or other commentary and to bar any poster from posting any subsequent messages to Library social networking sites.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Sanibel Public Library is not obligated to take any such actions, and will not be responsible or liable for content posted by any subscriber in any forum, message board, or other area within the service. By posting a comment, individuals agree to indemnify the Sanibel Public Library, its officers and staff from and against all liabilities, judgments, damages, and costs (including attorney's fees) incurred by any of them which arise out of or are related to the content posted by customers. Forums and messaging may not be used for commercial purposes.

Copyright

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Privacy

The Sanibel Public Library does not collect, maintain, or otherwise use personal information stored by any third party site in any way other than to communicate with users on that site. The Sanibel Public Library also reminds users that third party websites and social networking tools have their own privacy policies and that they should proceed accordingly.

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