Greece Public Library
Photo and Video Policy

The Greece Public Library strives to protect users’ privacy when they are using library resources in the library.

The Greece Public Library is recognized by law as a “limited public forum.” As such, some First Amendment activities, such as permitting photographs or filming by the public, are only allowed when consistent with the nature or purpose of the facility or at the discretion of the Director.

The Greece Public Library reserves the right to use photographs or video taken at the library for informational and promotional purposes in printed materials and online.

Photos and videos taken by library staff:

• All library patrons consent to the use of their photo taken at the library or during library events, unless they specifically inform staff of an objection to such use.
• Library staff taking photos or videos will be clearly identifiable as library employees by a visible nametag.
• Library staff will make every attempt to inform visitors before an event takes place that photographs may be taken. This could be an announcement at the start of the event or as part of the registration process for programs that require it.
• As a courtesy, library staff will attempt to secure the verbal consent of a photo subject’s caregiver if that subject is a minor.
• No names will be utilized in conjunction with photos without express written consent.
• Signs informing the public of this policy will be visibly posted in the library.

Photos and videos taken by the news media:

• Members of the media are expected to display identification that clearly indicates with which news organization they are affiliated.
• Members of the media are asked to check in at the library’s Information Desk and ask to speak with the Library Director or her designee prior to taking photographs or shooting video on library premises.

Photos and videos taken by the public:

• Photos and filming of library patrons or library related activities is not permitted by the public without the consent of the patron or prior approval of the Director.

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