



FILMING & PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

The most significant priority for the Valley of the Tetons Library is to provide library services to our community. The filming and photography described below is allowed only to the extent that it does not interfere with the provision of library services and is consistent with the Library's mission statement.

Valley of the Tetons Library (VTL) may take photos and/or videos of the building (interior and exterior), programs, activities, and any participants, or patrons; this includes recordings and screenshots of virtual programs. Photos, videos, recordings, and screenshots are for VTL use only and may appear in marketing materials (i.e., social media, digital signs, printed material) or on the VTL website. Any person who does not want to be photographed or recorded should inform the photographer. Participants and patrons will not be named in photo captions.

VTL allows visitors and patrons to engage in casual filming and photography while present in Library facilities and grounds. VTL facilities and grounds are public spaces, and VTL cannot prevent and is not responsible for incidental filming or photography of visitors or patrons. Note that any persons filming or photographing on library premises have sole responsibility for gaining all necessary releases and permissions from persons who are filmed or photographed. VTL undertakes no responsibility for obtaining these releases.

Only handheld cameras may be used. Because of safety, liability and other concerns, the use of additional equipment, such as tripods or lighting, is not permitted. Library staff members may terminate any filming or photography that interferes with other patron's use of the Library or the Library's ability to conduct business. Library staff members will intervene if filming or photography appears to potentially compromise public safety.

VTL does not permit commercial photography on or in its facilities. This includes, but is not limited to, using library buildings, grounds or interiors as a stage set for portraiture, model photography, and product photography. It includes photography or filming used to advertise goods or services unrelated to the Library for commercial sale or promotion.

Groups arranging meetings in the library meeting facilities may arrange for photographers and news media during their event. Photography for such events is restricted to the space reserved by the group and may not take place in other areas of the library.

Legal review completed, adopted by the Valley of the Tetons Library Board of Trustees on April 10, 2024.