

Social Software Policy

1. Red Hook Public Library provides quality service to the Village of Red Hook and surrounding communities. In order to provide free, open and convenient access to our community, we participate in social software public forums. These are defined as any web application, site or account created and maintained by Red Hook Public Library which facilitates an environment for library staff and library users to share opinions and information about library related subjects and issues.
2. **Comments are moderated by library staff.** Library staff reserves the right to remove any comments that are unlawful, inappropriate, or off-topic for the library community. Red Hook Public Library is not responsible for content posted by any subscriber in any forum and comments on RHPL social media forums do not represent the views of the library. Comments containing the following content will be removed by library staff:
 - a. **Potentially libelous comments**
 - b. **Obscene, sexually explicit or racist comments**
 - c. **Personal attacks, insults or threatening language**
 - d. **Private personal information published without consent**
 - e. **Off topic comments or hyperlinks**
 - f. **Commercial promotions or spam**
 - g. **Copyright violations**
 - h. **Comments unrelated to the topic of the forum**
3. **Notwithstanding the foregoing, Red Hook 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.**
4. **Red Hook Public Library is not responsible for individual comments posted on the blog.** The comments posted do not reflect the policy of the library. Nor does the library necessarily support the opinion of the poster.
5. **Red Hook Public Library reserves the right to republish comments posted in our social media accounts to our library Web site, newsletter, or other material.**
6. **By posting content, the user agrees to indemnify Red Hook Public Library and its officers and employees 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 that you post.**
7. **Forums and messaging may not be used for commercial purposes or for organized political activity.**
8. **By choosing to comment in one of the social media forums, you agree to the guidelines set forth by Red Hook Public Library.** If you do not agree to these terms, do not use the service, as violation of these terms can lead to legal liability.

The library reserves the right to terminate services to anyone who, in the opinion of the library, has used the Internet irresponsibly, unlawfully or in violation of the policy explained above.

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