Piedmont Valley Library Social Media Policy Effective August 23rd 2021

The Piedmont Valley Library uses social media to engage library users and to increase awareness of its programs, resources, and services in order to serve its greater mission. Social media provides an online public forum to facilitate the sharing of ideas, opinions, and information about library-related subjects and information on issues of educational, cultural, civic, and recreational importance.

Users of library social media should be aware that all third party sites, such as Facebook and Instagram, have their own privacy policies and should proceed accordingly. Comments and postings by participants other than library staff do not reflect the official position of The Piedmont Valley Library or its staff. Additionally, endorsement is not implied by "following," "friending," or otherwise linking to other businesses and organizations.

Library staff moderates our social media platforms and reserves the right to remove comments that are offensive, threatening, illegal, libelous, off-topic, duplicated, obvious spam, or that violate copyright laws. Library staff is available to respond to comments and questions during library open hours.

By choosing to interact on social media sites of the library, library users agree to be responsible for their own privacy. Furthermore, they agree to communicate with respect and consideration and to act legally and ethically. Violations of these expectations may result in warnings or exclusions from the Piedmont Valley Library's social media sites.

Any concerns with library postings, comment removals, or exclusions from Piedmont Valley Library's social media sites may be addressed to the Library Director. The Director's decision may be appealed by following the steps described in the Behavior section of the Piedmont Valley Library's General Policies.

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Carrie Regelin, Chair