

## PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RECORDING LIBRARY POLICY

### POLICY STATEMENT

Kitsap Regional Library locations are public spaces, and as such, library patrons may take photographs or videos within accessible areas. Members of the public have a broad right to film interactions with public officials and agency staff — including police officers — conducting business in public areas where there is no reasonable expectation of privacy.

[RCW 9.73.030](#) provides that it is a crime to record any private conversation without first obtaining the consent of all parties engaged in the communication. However, the courts have repeatedly held that this statute does not apply to public conversations between citizens and police officers and other public officials.

Photography and video recording are not permitted where an individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy (such as in restrooms, offices, and staff-only workspaces). Photos and videos can be taken with multiple devices, including but not limited to cameras, video recorders, cellular devices, phones, tablets, and computers.

If photography or video recording activities interfere with access to services, compromise public safety or security or align with behavior defined as unacceptable by the Standards for Patron Conduct Policy, the Library reserves the right to request that the photography or filming be discontinued.

No commercial photography or video recording is permitted in the Library without the express permission of the Library Director, who will set the conditions under which the photography or recording may take place.

The Library may document programs, classes and events or other public use of library spaces for fundraising or to use in print and online materials, social media, or other communication channels. However, consent is required to photograph and record minors during Library programs.

To monitor weather conditions and for security purposes, the Library may also capture footage of library grounds and public spaces, as outlined in the Library's Video Surveillance Policy.