



OCEAN SHORES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Policy:15 Photography and Video Recording

15.0 Library as Public Place

The Ocean Shores Public Library (OSL) as established by Ocean Shores Municipal Code 2.60 is a free, public library and therefore a public place. As a public place, anyone may take photographs or videos in the public areas of the library, subject to RCW 63.60.010 (Property Right—use of name, voice, signature, photography, or likeness) and the restrictions set forth in this policy.

15.1 Filming and Photography by Library Staff

The Library reserves the right to document its services and the public's use of the library by taking photographs, making video and/or audio recordings of its programs, events, activities, and their participants for use in communications such as print and online communications, news media relations, social media or other communications materials. Library programs, events, and activities include those by its supporting organizations, the Ocean Shores Foundation and the Ocean Shores Friends of the Library.

15.2 Filming and Photography Notification and Consent

The OSL will post signage at the location of each library event indicating that photographs or video may be taken for use in library communications and other library applications. The Library will presume that participants have consented to this use unless the participant or the participant's guardian (in the case of participants under the age of 18) informs library staff to the contrary.

15.3 Filming and Photography by Others

Members of the public may engage in casual, non-commercial filming and photography while present in the public areas of OSL or on library grounds. These activities may not interfere with the public's use of the library, staff delivery of services to the public, or an individual's reasonable expectation of privacy. Only handheld cameras maybe be used due to safety, liability, and other concerns.

Non-flash photography or videotaping is permitted at library programs and events for personal use, provided that it is not disruptive. Taking photographs at library events or author events is subject to the wishes of the individual author, performer, artist, or presenter. Community organizations holding scheduled events or meetings in the library or its meeting rooms may arrange for their own photography, video and/or audio recording of their event.

15.4 Commercial Photography

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

15.5 Prohibitions

Photos, video, and/or audio of specific copyrighted or otherwise protected materials for the purpose of redistribution is prohibited.

OSL Library staff may stop any recording of images and/or sounds that appears to interfere with the library's ability to conduct business, provide services, programs, or events that compromises public safety or security.