

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS) uses selected social media platforms to provide information about system-related subjects, issues, and events. UHLS' social media sites are not public forums. Posts and comments are moderated by designated staff, and UHLS reserves the right, within its sole discretion, not to post or to remove submissions or comments that are unlawful or violate this policy.

By utilizing and/or posting on UHLS' social media accounts, users agree to comply with this policy.

Rules for commenting and posting

Where the opportunity to comment with respect to a specific topic or subject-matter area is provided, all comments should be limited to that topic or area. Postings containing any of the following will be removed:

- Obscene comments or hate speech
- Personal attacks, harassment, or threatening language of any kind. Individuals are fully responsible for libelous or defamatory comments.
- Plagiarized or copyrighted material
- Postings made through a falsification of identity
- Duplicate posts from the same individual
- Commercial messages or spam
- Hyperlinks to material not directly related to the discussion
- Comments pertaining to organized political/partisan activities
- Material that is deemed by UHLS to be off-topic, inappropriate, or offensive
- Information that is, in UHLS' determination, private or personal, even if posted by the person to which it pertains
- Any illegal activity
- Solicitation for donations, memberships, or services requiring a fee for any non-Library purpose

UHLS is not responsible for patron-generated comments/content. A posted comment is the opinion of the poster only, and publication of a comment does not imply endorsement or agreement by the Upper Hudson Library System.

As with any library resource, parents and guardians are responsible for supervising their children's use of UHLS' social media accounts.

Violations of this policy

Postings that UHLS, in its sole discretion, deems unpermitted under this policy may be removed in whole or in part by UHLS immediately upon discovery without prior notice. UHLS reserves the right to block users who have posted in violation of this policy. Users may appeal this decision in writing to the UHLS Board of Trustees at uhlsboard@uhls.org.

Reporting violations

Users may report violations of the UHLS social media site policy to UHLS by contacting the administrators of the Upper Hudson Library System's social media sites at aos.support@uhls.org.

Administering system social media

- Social media accounts representing UHLS are only created by the UHLS staff through approval from the Executive Director. Names of pages or accounts should not be changed and should clearly represent UHLS.
- All content is reviewed and is subject to being edited or deleted.
- Social media pages should link to the UHLS' official website and this social media policy.

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