

Film and Photography Policy

Photography and Filming at Library Activities

Library use and activities sponsored by Long Beach Public Library may be digitally recorded through photographs or video recordings. These images may be included in brochures, flyers, web pages, news releases or other promotional materials, as well as made available to media outlets and event participants.

If you do NOT wish your image or your child(ren)'s image to be published, please notify a member of the Library staff to complete an Opt-Out form. For children under the age of 18, no faces and no identifying information of children will be used unless the library has a signed Parental Consent Photo Release form.

Unless an Opt-Out form is signed and on file with Library Administration, participation in Library activities implies permission for the use of images taken at those events.

Other types of photography or filming

Long Beach Public Library's express permission is required for any filming or photography in the Library building, on the Library grounds or at Library sponsored events by professional, commercial, student or news photographers or filmmakers or by other Library visitors/users wishing to take pictures or film for commercial and/or personal purposes. All photography/filming requests are coordinated by the Library Director or a Department Head. In addition, all Library rules and regulations must be followed and there shall be no interference with the ongoing operations of the Library and the work of its staff.

Non-commercial (private use) Photography

Non-commercial photography (such as a visiting Library professional, casual tourist or Library user who wants to record a visit or capture the building's architecture or landscape) is generally allowed without prior written permission provided that such activity does not capture identifiable likenesses of individuals without their written permission. Individuals who take pictures must honor requests from Library users and staff who do not want to be included in photos. Equipment, such as tripods, may not obstruct passageways or cause disturbances to Library users. The Library reserves the right to terminate any photography if it results in disruption of the ordinary Library environment or operations.

Non-Commercial Filming, Commercial Filming or Commercial Photography

Filmmaking (commercial and non-commercial) or commercial photography is approved at the discretion of the Library Director and is contingent upon facility and staffing availability. All filmmaking and professional photography must take place before or after the Library's normal operating hours and all equipment must be removed during the Library's operating hours. Rental fees will be negotiated based on project scope. The process for requesting permission is detailed below.

News-related Filming & Photography

The Library will consider reasonable requests for journalistic, non-commercial filming and photography. Notification is not required but is appreciated for news-related photography.

Requests for Permission to Film or Take Photographs

Non-news related requests should be made in writing at least 5 business days in advance by emailing photos@longbeachlibrary.org. All requests for filming or photography must include the following information:

- Name and description of the organization or individual making the request.
- Project description, including the context and way in which the Library is to be portrayed and the intended use of the resulting material.
- Date(s) requested.
- Time and duration of proposed shoot.
- Number of people and amount and type of equipment involved, including vehicles.
- Potential disruption (sound, light, physical, etc.) of Library activities.
- Location releases, if necessary, must be submitted for review by the Library in advance.
- Proof of adequate insurance coverage and a signed indemnification agreement (student photographers/student filmmakers are exempt.)

All professional photography/filmmaking must take place before or after the Library's normal operating hours and all equipment must be removed during the Library's operating hours. Rental fees will be negotiated based on project scope. Approval is at the discretion of the Library Director and is contingent upon facility and staffing availability.

Additional Guidelines

- Use of Long Beach Public Library's name, logos, trademarks or images in connection with any photograph or film is prohibited without written permission by the Library.
- No set construction or alteration of buildings/grounds is permitted.
- All areas occupied in connection with the filming/photographing must be returned to their normal conditions.
- Applicants must not make any connections to the electrical system other than through plugging into standard duplex receptacles. Covers from electrical panels or boxes must not be removed.