

Social Software User Policy

Policy Statement

- The Crystal Lake Public Library (CLPL) provides access to social software tools for educational, cultural, and recreational purposes, such as community reviews and patron comments.
- CLPL social software tools provide a limited public forum to facilitate the sharing of ideas, opinions, and information about Library-related subjects and issues.
- CLPL social software is intended to create a welcoming and inviting online forum where individuals will find useful and entertaining information as well as interact with Library staff and other Library users.

Definition of Social Software

- Social software is defined as any web application, site, or account that facilitates the sharing of opinions and information.
- Social software includes, but is not limited to, blogs, listservs, websites, or social network pages or posts.

Rules for Commenting

- Postings will be moderated by CLPL staff.
- CLPL reserves the right to remove inappropriate or off topic postings.
- Postings do not constitute an endorsement by CLPL of the ideas, issues, hyperlinks, commentary or material posted.
- All submissions are the property of CLPL.
- All submissions and names of contributors are public record and may be published or distributed.
- CLPL staff will delete submissions containing, but not limited to, the following:
 - Copyright violations
 - Off topic material
 - Illegal activity
 - Commercial material/spam
 - Duplicate submissions from the same individual
 - Obscene or racist submissions
 - Libelous submissions
 - Images
 - Threats, personal attacks, or insults
 - Submissions of, or requests for personal information
 - Solicitation for donations, memberships, or services
 - Support for or opposition to a candidate or ballot measure
- A party submitting material:
 - Releases and discharges CLPL, its Trustees, Staff, Officers, Agents, and Employees from any and all claims, causes of action, losses, or damages arising out of or relating in any way to the party's use of or participation in the social software described above;
 - Agrees to indemnify CLPL, its Trustees, Staff, Officers, Agents, and Employees and hold them harmless from any and all claims, causes of action, losses or damages arising out of or relating in any way to the party's use of or participation in the social software described above.