

## Pleasant Valley Library Photography and Filming Policy

The library respects a patron's first amendment right to film. However, [the Supreme Court has ruled](#) a library is a *limited public forum*, which allows the library to limit filming and photography in a way consistent with appropriate usage. The Pleasant Valley Library follows the ALA Bill of Rights and NYS Right to Patron Privacy with respect to the utilization of the library and its materials and services. **Photography and filming using handheld devices should not disturb or interfere with patrons.** While patrons may technically film unobtrusively, all filming or photography that violates a patron's reasonable expectation of privacy while in the library is prohibited. Access cannot be granted to bathrooms, staff only access areas, and any meeting room use that is not open to the general public or where a paid presenter of a program objects to being filmed. Library staff may terminate any session that appears to compromise public safety or patron privacy, impedes library operations, or is inconsistent to our library mission.