

Photography & Videography Policy

Members of the public are permitted to film and photograph while inside the library only to the extent that it does not interfere with the operations, programs, and activities of the library, impact the safety or privacy of the library's guests, or otherwise conflict with any applicable laws. Those photographing or videotaping children must have both the verbal permission of the Upper Merion Township Library Director or the Director's designated representative (e.g. Manager on Duty) and obtain a written release signed in advance by each child's legal guardian, unless the person taking the film or photograph is the legal guardian for each such child. Those photographing or videotaping adults must have verbal permission from all subjects that would be visible in the photograph/video. Those not following this policy may be asked to put away their equipment or leave the facility.

Library access by photographers may be limited either by time constraints or to specific areas depending upon such impact or effect such sessions could have upon other library users.

Please note that the Upper Merion Township Library engages in photography and recording of programs and events for its own print and online publication/promotional purposes. Visitors to the library, or anyone participating in any library event being captured on film or by photograph, will be advised verbally or through signage that their participation acts as consent to being photographed, filmed, or recorded, unless they indicate otherwise to library staff. All photographs and recordings must comply with the UMTL Patron Privacy Policy.

The above policy applies only to open, public events. Closed events such as class visits would require releases and/or permissions from the supervisor of the visiting organization.