

DIVERNON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

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- Specific and imminent threats
- Personal attacks, insults, or threatening language
- Potentially libelous statements
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- Comments unrelated to the content of the discussion
- Hyperlinks to material that is not directly related to the discussion
- Commercial promotions or spam
- Organized political activity
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LEGAL REF: (5 ILCS 140/) Freedom of Information Act, (50 ILCS 205/) Local Records Act

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