

Security Cameras

1. Purpose of Security Cameras

The Library has security cameras to enhance the safety and security of Library users, staff, and property. Security cameras are used to discourage illegal behavior and policy violations, to enhance the opportunity to apprehend offenders, and to provide recorded data relevant to the control of library security and operations. The security camera installation consists of dedicated cameras providing real-time surveillance streamed to an accessible password protected site. There is no audio recording associated with the cameras.

2. Signage

The library posts signs at the circulation desk alerting patrons to the use of security cameras for monitoring activity on library property.

3. Staff Access to Digital Images

Live surveillance and recorded data is accessible in staff areas only. Only the following administrative staff members are permitted to release recorded archival data to law enforcement in compliance with this policy: Library Director in conjunction with President of the Board of Trustees, Library Assistant in conjunction with the President of the Board of Trustees. Such authorized administrative staff may direct IT staff to access and isolate live or recorded data related to a specific incident or may ask other staff to view live or recorded data in order to ascertain security concerns. Authorized staff shall notify the Library Director whenever archival data is accessed.

4. Collection of Digital Images

Digital footage is collected for library purposes. The library is under no legal obligation to collect digital footage. Authorized staff may turn off surveillance for maintenance, or to ensure patron privacy.

5. Acceptable Use and Patron Privacy

Authorized staff may use live surveillance, a still shot, or selected portions of recorded data to assess the security risk of a specific individual, to investigate a crime on library property, to request law enforcement assistance, to validate serious or repeated policy violations, to alert staff to banned or repeatedly disruptive individuals, or to address internal security/operational concerns. In the discharge of such duties, authorized staff members are permitted to connect the recorded digital image with identification data available on the library's patron database.

In all other respects, recorded data will be accorded the same level of confidentiality and protection provided to library users by Illinois state law, the Du Quoin Public Library policies, and the American Library Association policies on confidentiality and privacy, with footage released only in accordance with and required by law.