

Meredith Public Library Security Camera Policy

The Meredith Public Library's mission is to be the cultural heart of Meredith with a vision of being a safe place where patrons and staff will feel comfortable to be themselves. The purpose of the security cameras is for the protection of the public, the staff, and Library property. Where needed, security cameras are used to provide peace of mind to Library users and staff by discouraging violations of the Library's policies, to assist Library staff in preventing and identifying any violations and, when necessary, to provide information to law enforcement relevant to possible criminal activity. This policy is not intended to compromise the privacy of Library patrons.

- Cameras may be installed in public spaces in the Library where individuals lack a reasonable expectation of privacy. Possible locations include, but are not limited to: common areas of the Library, meeting rooms, entrances, book stacks, public seating areas, hallways, stairways, service desks, delivery areas and parking lots.
- Security cameras may be placed in both indoor and outdoor areas, at the sole discretion of the Meredith Public Library Board of Trustees.
- Signs will be posted at Library entrances informing the public that security cameras are in use.
- At the sole discretion of the Library Director, stored still images concerning banned-and-barred patrons may be shared with law enforcement and Library staff. Shared images may remain posted in restricted staff areas for the duration of the period for which the patron is banned from the Library premises. After the banning period ends, these images may be archived in the Library Director's office.
- Because security cameras may not cover the entirety of the Library property, and the cameras are not continuously monitored, both the Library staff and the public should take appropriate precautions for their safety and for the security of personal property. Neither the Meredith Public Library nor the Town of Meredith is responsible for loss of property or personal injury.
- Questions regarding this policy may be directed to the Library Director.