

Syracuse University Libraries

Guidelines for Photography, Videotaping, and Filming

INTRODUCTION

These guidelines apply to all facilities of the Syracuse University Libraries: Bird Library, Carnegie Library, the Belfer Audio Archive, and the King+King Architecture Library.

Visitors to the campus or the SU Libraries are welcome to take a few photographs for their personal use without formal authorization from the Libraries Dean's Office, providing library staff and users are not inconvenienced in any way. The Libraries Dean's Office must approve all other photography, video, or filming requests, according to the guidelines and procedures below. External agencies wishing to film for commercial or news media purposes should contact the Syracuse University Office of News Services and Publications, 820 Comstock Avenue, 315.443.3784.

GUIDELINES

Use of photographic, videotape, or film equipment within the libraries:

- » Must not interfere with the study, research, privacy, or safety needs of Library users;
- » Must not violate any Syracuse University policies, rules, or regulations;
- » May not hinder access to exits, stairways, corridors, doorways, and other library facilities;
- » May sometimes be restricted during midterms or near final examinations.

Those wishing to make extensive use of photographic, video, or film equipment, use lights or tripods, or shift (or otherwise make use of) library materials or furniture, must also:

- » Schedule the project for a period of low library usage;
- » Minimize disturbance to library staff and users;
- » Minimize re-arrangement of furniture or library materials, return any furniture used to its original location, and place library materials in designated locations for reshelving;
- » Keep in mind that SU Libraries staff prefer not to be filmed or photographed when working.

PROCEDURES

1. Those wishing to engage in photography/videotape/film must submit their request 24-48 hours in advance by completing and submitting the completed request form for review at the Libraries Dean's Office (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.);
2. Complete the Request to Photograph/Videotape/Film in SU Libraries Facilities form on the reverse side of this page. Printed copies of this form are also available in the Libraries Dean's Office, Bird Library, Suite 219, at the Carnegie Library service desk, or online at library.syr.edu/policy/index.php;
3. Receive a copy of the approved and signed request form;
4. Be prepared to present the approved request form to library staff upon request at any time in which photography/videotaping/filming is taking place;
5. Obtain the prior consent of any individual who is to be the subject of the photography/videotaping/filming.

RIGHT TO TERMINATE

The SU Libraries reserve the right to terminate any photography, videotaping, or filming that causes an undue disturbance, violates library or University policies or regulations, or endangers the health and safety of participants, library patrons, and library staff.

QUESTIONS

Contact the Libraries Dean's Office, 315.443.2573. Thank you for your cooperation. Visit Syracuse University Libraries online at library.syr.edu.

REQUEST TO PHOTOGRAPH/VIDEOTAPE/FILM IN SU LIBRARIES' FACILITIES

Your Name _____ SUI.D. _____

School/College _____ Department/Organization _____

Address _____

Phone (day) _____ Email _____

Status: Faculty Student Staff Other* (specify) _____

**NOTE: Requests from commercial, news, or other external agencies must provide clearance from the SU Office of News Services.*

Project Description _____

Course title (if applicable) _____

Number _____ Section _____ Faculty advisor for project _____

Filming date(s) desired _____ Time _____ a.m./p.m. - _____ a.m./p.m.

Location within the library* _____

Purpose: Paper Project Film Article Other (specify) _____

**NOTE: Please keep in mind that SU Libraries staff are working and may prefer not to be photographed/filmed.*

By signing this request, I hereby:

1. Acknowledge that the law may require me to receive the consent of every person photographed/videotaped/filmed and that failure to receive such consent may result in litigation against me. I understand that I am solely responsible for acquiring the consent of each person photographed/videotaped/filmed;
2. Acknowledge that I am solely responsible for the content of the photographs/videotapes/films and how they are used;
3. Agree that I am not using the photographs/videotapes/films for any commercial or news media purposes;
4. Acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the Syracuse University Libraries' "Guidelines for Photography, Videotaping, and Filming" and agree to follow those guidelines and procedures.

Signature _____ Date _____

FOR LIBRARY USE

Approved Not Approved Authorized by _____ Date _____