## **Social Media Comment Policy**

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) uses select social media platforms as a means of enhancing communication and encouraging a collaborative information exchange between library staff, library users, and the general public.

The NDSL social media pages may contain links that should be considered as referrals only and should not be taken as an endorsement of any kind (except in instances where we have an established contract, agreement, or memorandum of understanding). NDSL administers these social media pages and makes every effort to provide links free of viruses and malware but cannot guarantee the security of other sources.

## **Comment Policy**

To further the purposes for which the social media sites are maintained, our policy is to allow comments unless they violate the guidelines below. NDSL does not endorse comments posted on our social media accounts, and such comments do not reflect the official position(s) of NDSL, its employees, or the State of North Dakota. NDSL reserves the right to hide or delete unacceptable comments. The following are examples of unacceptable comments:

- Comments that are unrelated to the subject matter of the article being commented upon.
- Comments that campaign for or against the nomination or election of a candidate or the qualification, passage or defeat of a ballot question.
- Comments that may tend to compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems.
- Comments whose main purpose is to sell a product or solicit commerce.
- Comments that infringe on copyrights.
- Comments that contain profanity or obscenity.
- Comments that contain sexual content, links to sexual content or nudity in a profile picture.
- Comments that are defaming.
- Spam
- Comments that promote, foster or perpetuate discrimination based on race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, marital status, national origin, physical or mental disability or sexual orientation.
- Comments that constitute or encourage illegal activity.

We moderate comments to the best of our ability; however, there may be instances in which we do not see and remove inappropriate comments. If you notice a comment that you believe we may have missed, please contact us at <a href="mailto:ndslpa@nd.gov">ndslpa@nd.gov</a> or send us a direct message.