

# INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

## Purpose Statement

Internet computers will not be used by anyone, including minors, for illegal activity or to access illegal materials. Library employees are authorized to take prompt and appropriate actions to enforce the Library's Behavior Policy, and/or prohibit use by persons who fail to comply with the Internet Acceptable Use Policy as stated or implied herein. Fallon County Library staff cannot provide in-depth Internet or library resource assistance. Parents are responsible for their children's use of the Library's resources and facilities. Parents who believe that their children cannot responsibly use the Library's resources, including Internet access, are requested to monitor their children's, and only their children's, Internet and/or library usage.

## Computer Access

Computer access will not be allowed if a person has Damaged, Lost, or Overdue Materials, until returned and/or paid for.

## Rules of Conduct

1. Internet computers will not be used for illegal activity or to access illegal materials.
2. Installation, downloading, or modification of software is prohibited.
3. Users will respect copyright laws and licensing agreements.
4. Users will not make any attempt to gain unauthorized access to restricted files or networks, or to damage or modify computer equipment or software.
5. Prompt payment is required by users who incur charges for printing or other authorized fees. A list of fees may be obtained from the Library staff.
6. Users must sign up to use the Internet on a first-come, first-served basis. There are no advanced sign-ups. Internet use is limited to one-hour sessions. If no other patron is waiting to use the computer, a patron may sign up for an additional session. The Library staff will determine if additional sessions are available.
7. Users will respect the privacy of others and will refrain from attempting to view or read material being used by others. The Fallon County Library Confidentiality Policy prohibits unauthorized disclosure, use or dissemination of personal information regarding Library users, including minors.
8. By mutual agreement, two persons may share one access station as long as their behavior or conversation does not disturb other users or Library staff.
9. Due to the risk of viruses, all discs and portable media must be scanned by the Library staff prior to use in any Library computer.
10. It is not acceptable to use the Internet access to transmit or to receive obscene materials, **as obscenity is defined by Montana law: MCA 45-8-201 and 45-8-205.**

## Termination or Prohibition of User Access

When the Library employees believe that a user has failed to comply with the Internet Acceptable Use Policy and/or the Behavior Policy, they are authorized to terminate the user's computer access for the remainder of the day. A second offense will result in a loss of computer access for a period of three months. **A third violation will result in permanent loss of computer access.**

## Notice of Monitoring of Information and Data

The Fallon County Library reserves the right to examine and delete any data stored on its hard drives.

## Modifications

The Fallon County Library reserves the right to modify this policy at any time.

**Reviewed/Approved:**

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