



Internet Use Policy

Introduction

The mission of the Grangeville Centennial Library is to inform, educate and culturally enrich the community it serves by providing a broad range of library materials and services. It is with this intent that the Library offers public access to the internet by providing computers and wireless internet access.

It is the goal of the Grangeville Centennial Library to provide a comfortable and welcoming environment for all patrons. The internet contains a wide variety of material and opinions from various points of view. The Library does not have control over the quality, accuracy or currency of the information provided. Each patron is responsible for his or her own appropriate use of the Internet and uses the Internet at their own risk. The intent of this Internet Use Policy is to comply with the provisions of Idaho Code §33-2741 and the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), 47 U.S.C. §254.

Internet Safety for Minors/Adults

The responsibility for what minors read or view on the Internet rests with a parent or legal guardian. The Grangeville Centennial Library complies with state and federal law mandating the use of filtering software in public libraries to protect against child pornography and access to visual depictions that are obscene or harmful to minors. The filtering software will be enforced to provide internet safety during any use of a Library computer or the Library's wireless Internet access. The Library accepts no responsibility for failures of the filter to block specific sites. While Grangeville Centennial Library does everything possible with the equipment and resources available to ensure the privacy of computer users, we cannot guarantee absolute privacy at public computers.

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Library's internet access when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, social media and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by CIPA, inappropriate network usage includes:

- Unauthorized access and other unlawful activities; and
- Unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Free Wireless Internet Access

The Library's free wireless Internet access is available to patrons who bring their own wireless devices to the Library. There is no limit to the length of time a patron may use the wireless Internet access. The Library's wireless Internet access employs a filtering software to protect against the visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors.

General Rules

Due to the limited resources available at the Grangeville Centennial Library, the Library reserves the right to limit the amount of time an individual user can use the computer.

Misuse of the Library's Internet access, equipment and/or failure to abide by this Policy will result in loss of Internet privileges for the length of time determined by Library staff.

Implementation

This policy will be addressed in a public meeting with reasonable public notice. The Grangeville Centennial Library Board reserves the right to modify this policy at any time. This policy will be reviewed by the Board at least once every three (3) years.

Approved by the Grangeville Centennial Library Board of Trustees

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