

Policy: 419.0: Acceptable Internet Use

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The Internet, being a forum for information and ideas, and having become a mainstream source of information, is made available free-of-charge for the public at the Salem-South Lyon District Library, within the framework of this Acceptable Use policy.

It is the policy of Salem-South Lyon District Library to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Salem-South Lyon District Library online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking,' and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Salem-South Lyon District Library staff to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of Network Administrator or designated representatives.

Rights and Responsibilities of Users

User Rights: Consistent with the mission statement of the Library and the principles of public librarianship, this policy affirms the safeguarding of First Amendment rights, intellectual freedom, equity of access, and privacy.

User Responsibilities: Users of the Internet resources of the Library are expected to act in a responsible manner, respecting and in accordance with applicable law, and in a courteous manner, respecting the quiet enjoyment of others using the Library. This policy applies to all forms of Internet access at the Library

Conditions of Access:

1. Users must agree to abide by this policy.
2. Users will report any equipment problems to the Library staff.
3. Users must act in accordance with applicable local, State, and Federal law, as well as domestic and international copyright law.
4. Users must respect the security measures established for public computer use, and must not abuse access by attempting to circumvent or violate said measures.
5. Use of Internet access at the Library must not be conducted in such a way as to cause harm to come to others.
6. Use of Internet access at the Library must not be conducted in such a way as to violate anyone's privacy, electronic or otherwise.
7. Users must not attempt to change software or hardware configurations, including additions to or removal of Library-installed components. The Library cannot accommodate individual requests for the installation of user-provided specialty software.
8. Personal devices such as e-readers, laptops/tablets and smartphones may receive limited support from library staff when working to access library services.
9. Individuals using personal devices at the Library must agree to hold the Library harmless from any loss, damage, liability, costs and/or expense that may arise during use at the Library facility or receiving support from library staff.