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## **Internet and Computer Use Policy**

The Ione Library District provides access to a broad range of information resources including those available through the Internet and software on publicly-available computers and technology. The District makes this service available as part of its mission to enrich the community by providing access to the power of information and imagination. In keeping with its value of intellectual freedom, the District provides unfiltered internet access on all its computers in the Ione Public Library.

### **Choosing and Evaluating Sources**

The Internet is a global electronic network of ideas, media, and commentary that may enhance resources already provided by the District. However, the District cannot control the information available over the Internet and is not responsible for its content. Some sources provide information that is inaccurate, incomplete, or dated; some sources may be offensive, disturbing, and/or illegal.

To assist patrons in their searches, staff identify websites to selected information sources. District staff review links regularly but, due to the ever-changing nature of the Internet, cannot guarantee that these links will remain valid. Similarly, the District cannot be responsible for changes in the content of the sources to which it links, or the content of sources accessed through secondary links. As with printed information, users are encouraged to evaluate the validity of information found electronically. Staff may be able to assist with locating appropriate resources, basic Internet use, and use of computer software, but trained staff may not always be available. User guides and reference books are available.

### **Access by Minors**

The District upholds the right of each individual to access constitutionally protected material. The District also affirms the right and responsibility of parents and legal guardians to determine and monitor their own children's use of library materials and resources.

## **Rules Governing Use**

Library computers, technology, and wireless Internet access are provided to meet the informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs and interests of all patrons. In order to make these resources available to as many patrons as possible and to make sure that the equipment is used consistent with the Code of Conduct, the Library District prohibits the following:

- Damaging and altering equipment, systems, or software;
- Displaying, printing, or sending any material that is obscene, libellous, threatening, or harassing, as defined by relevant laws.
- Deliberately downloading, installing, or creating any harmful program defined as, but not limited to, spyware, viruses, Trojans, malware, or any other illegal utility on any computer;
- Violating copyright or trademark laws, software licensing agreements, or intellectual property rights;
- Viewing material that could reasonably be considered pornography, as determined by District staff.

In addition to violating this policy, many of the listed activities may violate local, state, or federal laws.

In order to allow all patrons an opportunity to use the equipment, patrons may be asked to comply with sign-up and time limitations and other restrictions as deemed necessary by staff.

Because computers and technology are located in public areas of the library and the library serves people of all ages, what is displayed on screens is not confidential, and patrons should use discretion when choosing what to view.

Refusal to comply with these rules may result in loss of computer privileges, being asked to leave the library, and/or summoning law enforcement, as determined by the Library Use Restrictions Policy.

The District's Code of Conduct and pertinent state, federal, and local laws apply to all patrons.