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Public Access Computing: Internet Use Policy

As part of its ongoing mission, Glenns Ferry Library seeks to serve the learning, information, and personal enrichment needs of people of all ages in the Glenns Ferry community. To pursue this mission, the Library seeks to expand individual access to information through the use of current technologies, such as public Internet access, online research databases, computer applications, and printing.

The Internet is a decentralized network of computers whose files have been made available to anyone with Internet access. As an information resource it is not within the scope of the Library's Collection Development Policy. Therefore, the Library is unable to assume responsibility for the quality of information accessed through the Internet. Parents or guardians, are responsible for the information selected and/or accessed by their minor children whether they are present or not.

The Library may provide designated areas where patrons may access the Internet on their own equipment capable of receiving wireless signals. The Library cannot assume responsibility for the security of personally owned hardware and software used on Library premises.

The staff and Board of Trustees support the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights and all of its interpretations, including Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks.

The Library supports access to information on all subjects that serve the needs or interests of each user. The library is legally required to filter pornographic material. We employ a DNS filter for both computer and wireless internet browsing. As no content filter is perfect such provisions are provided but not guaranteed. Attempts to bypass said filter is prohibited and any attempt to circumvent it may result in the loss of your access to library computers and internet use.

Acceptable use:

The freedom to access information is a fundamental right, but the use of library equipment is a privilege

- Users shall respect the rights of other computer users, library patrons, and staff, in keeping with the library's acceptable behavior policy. This includes the use of personal devices that use the wireless capacity of the library

- Users shall respect the policies, rights and conventions of all the organizations and individuals who use the Internet

Unacceptable use includes but is not limited to the following:

- Use of resources for any purpose that violates federal, state or local laws
- Harassment of others
- Libeling or slandering others
- Destruction or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library or other users
- Disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications, including excessive use of the Library's Internet capacity
- Infringement upon the privacy and rights of others
- Unauthorized use of computer accounts or access codes
- Unauthorized copying or copyright-protected material
- Unauthorized disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal information regarding minors
- Downloading external applications to the harddrive of the public access computers
 - temporary saving of personal files to the harddrive is permitted
- Intentional interference with or circumvention of normal operation of Library technology

Harassment:

Although the freedom to access information is a fundamental right, library users must exercise that right responsibly by respecting the rights of others. As a department of the City of Glenns Ferry, the Library is committed to providing an environment free from harassment. Display of sexually explicit graphics or otherwise offensive material is inappropriate for an open public environment and is prohibited. Although the Library takes harassment violations very seriously, there will be no supervision by the Library of what is accessed via the Library's public access computers. *This responsibility falls to the library patrons.*

Requirements for Use:

- Users must have a current library card in good standing to use computers on a regular basis
- The Library provides assistance with using the computers for information retrieval, but the Library cannot guarantee assistance with other computer uses
- There will be a printing charge of \$0.25 per page.
 - This applies to pages printed if they are intentionally printed or not
 - Payment can be made at the circulation desk
- Parents or legal guardians of minor children under 18 must assume responsibility for their children's use of the Internet through the Library's connection and must sign the internet user agreement for children (see: 4.02 Internet and Computer Use Agreement for Minors)
- Children 8 years and under must be in the immediate presence of a parent or other responsible caregiver

Privacy:

While the Library cannot guarantee the privacy of data or computer usage of the public access computers, it considers such privacy to be extremely important. The Library follows best practices to secure the network and its computers and to ensure that search histories are erased between computer sessions. The Library does not retain computer usage records. It is also clearly stated in the policy that infringement upon the rights and privacy of others is unacceptable use of these resources.

Consequences:

- Any damage to library technology may be charged to the user
- Failure to use the equipment appropriately and responsibly may result in the restriction or suspension of computer use privileges, determined on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Library
 - All other Library policies also apply
- Illegal use may be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities
- Computer users will be informed in writing by the Library Director if their privileges have been restricted or suspended for more than one day due to violations of the Internet Use Policy