This policy has been approved by the Logan Library Board of Directors.

Acceptable Use / Internet Public Use Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to affirm the Logan Library's role in providing public access to the Internet and to clarify patron and staff responsibilities associated with Internet use in the library.

Internet use in the library means using the library's network to access the Internet either on library workstations or through a wireless connection.

Principles

Public access to the Internet is integral to Logan Library's mission to connect our patrons to the world.
Public access to the Internet allows patrons to:

- Access online resources and services
- Communicate and engage with others
- Create content
- Complete transactions with public, nonprofit, and private entities

The Logan Library provides public access to the Internet in accordance with state and federal laws including:

- Utah Code 9-17-215
- CIPA -Children's Internet Protection Act

Access and Filtering

Public access to the Internet is available at the library via library workstations and wireless access. Software is used to filter out proxy sites, and sites that pose a security risk to the network. It is also used to filter out obscene materials as defined by Utah Code 9-17-215. Filtering is imperfect and may restrict access to legitimate research sites. Also, filtering does not guarantee that all proxy sites, obscene materials, and sites that pose security risks will be blocked. Patrons can request that a website be reviewed to be blocked or unblocked by first speaking to a staff person.

Logan Library workstations support a variety of software programs that expand a workstation's capabilities and increase a patron's ability to utilize the Internet. The library may establish time limitations to ensure fair and equitable access to library workstations.

Privacy

Users of library workstations are asked to use resources appropriately and respect the privacy of others using nearby workstations. The Logan Library has software installed on each computer which will remove personal information at the end of each session.

- Patrons should exercise due diligence to make sure their personal information is kept safe and secure.

- The library's computers are in public areas so others may be involuntarily exposed to what is being viewed.
- The library asks that patrons remain sensitive to the fact that they are working in a public environment shared by people of all ages.

Patron Responsibilities
- Patrons acknowledge the content on the Internet is not managed or governed by any entity and therefore they may encounter materials that are inaccurate or that they consider offensive.
- Patrons recognize their use of the Internet is conducted in a public place shared by many.
- Patrons acknowledge the library cannot protect the privacy of data that is transmitted to third parties via the Internet.
- Patrons shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, including but not limited to gambling or illegal activities as well as Logan Library policies.
- Patrons may not use the library's Internet access to view, print, distribute, display, send or receive images, or graphics of material that violates laws relating to child pornography.
- Patrons may not knowingly exhibit or display any material that is harmful to minors in its content or material that is obscene in any place of public accommodation where minors are or may be present, and where minors are able to view the material.
- Patrons adhere to all copyright laws and may not copy or distribute materials (e.g., with the use of file sharing software) without the permission of the owner. Patrons who do so may be subject to criminal and civil liability.
- Patrons who have comments regarding the observed behavior of other patrons should speak with staff.
- Any complaints regarding this policy should be sent to the Director.
- Any issues regarding access or lack of access to a specific website can be addressed using the Patron Request For Review - Database Or Website form.

Failure to follow this policy may result in eviction from the library and may include a trespass order or arrest. Violation of state and federal laws will be referred to the proper authorities for legal action.

Parent and Guardian Responsibility
Parents and guardians are responsible for monitoring Internet access for their children who are minors.
- Any additional restrictions placed on a child's access to the Internet on the library's network is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

Library Staff Responsibilities
- The Logan Library, City of Logan, and its employees assume no responsibility for damages of any type arising from patron use of the Internet through the library's network.

- Library staff are not in a position to supervise minors' use of the Internet.
- The library reserves the right to terminate a computer session should computer use result in disruption of library service, or if a user otherwise violates any Logan Library policies and/or procedures.

Associated Policies and Laws

Logan Library Board. Collection Development Policy
Logan Library Board. Patron Behavior and Library Use Policy
Logan Library Board. Freedom to Read
Logan Library Board. Freedom to View
Logan Library Board. Library Bill of Rights
Utah Code 9-17-215. Internet Access; Libraries
United States. Children's Internet Protection Act

Process

This policy is reviewed by the Library Director (or designee), Logan City's legal counsel and the Library Board every three years. The Library Board then approves the policy.

Policy History

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