

Internet Access Policy

The public areas of the library should be treated with courtesy and respect at all times. Behavior and materials viewed publicly must be appropriate for all ages. Violation of these rules may result in the suspension of your Internet workstation access.

1. The library's internet is equipped with filtering software designed to block access to visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography or harmful to minors as defined by Idaho statute §33-2741.
 - a. The library director or assistant director may provide unfiltered internet access at the request of an adult patron to enable access for lawful purposes.
2. Internet users shall log in to public workstations using their library barcodes. Out of area guests may contact the service desk for access.
3. Internet workstations are available on a first come, first served basis.
 - a. Internet workstations may be used for one hour per day.
 - b. If workstations are free after the initial hour, additional time increments may be allowed. Speak with the service desk regarding your needs
4. Users of internet workstations are required to be respectful of others utilizing the library. Users must keep their activities at a reasonable volume and demeanor.
5. Library users shall not:
 - a. Invade the privacy of others or engage in activity that is harassing, defamatory, or threatening.
 - b. Receive or display images, graphics, and/or video which may be construed as obscene or child pornography or harmful to minors as defined by Idaho law (Idaho Statute 18-1514 & 33-2741)¹
 - c. Use the Internet workstations to gain unauthorized access to any network or computer system.
 - d. Use any Internet workstation for any illegal, fraudulent, or criminal purpose.
 - e. Engage in any activity using library computers which is malicious, offensive, libelous, or slanderous.
 - f. View or display images, graphics, and/or videos of violence or hate.
 - g. Download or install new programs, software, .iso files, or any other files that could potentially make unauthorized changes to the public access computers.
6. Parents or guardians are expected to supervise their child's internet sessions.

¹ <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/title33/t33ch27/sect33-2741/>
<https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/title18/t18ch15/sect18-1514/>

- a. Parents may speak with a library employee about restricting their minor child's internet privileges.
7. Library users may utilize USB storage devices for downloading and storing personal material. Do not save files to library computers. The library employs programs that will delete any saved files or changes made to public computers.
 - a. The library is not responsible for the loss or damage to personal storage devices.
8. Library staff members will not operate computers for patrons, but may guide patrons through learning how to operate the computers as time allows. The service desk is their priority.
9. Library staff members shall not offer legal advice, tax advice, accounting advice, insurance advice, typing assistance, or proofreading services.

The Library reserves the right to terminate an Internet session at any time for inappropriate use or inappropriate behavior. At the discretion of the director or assistant director, egregious or repeated violation of the Internet Access Policy may result in permanent revocation of the user's internet access. Adult user privileges may be appealed to the director for reinstatement. Minor user privileges may be reinstated after the director conferences with the parents or guardians of the minor in question.

This policy meets the requirements of Idaho state law, statute 33-2741 by restricting access to inappropriate material outlined in the state code, and by meeting criteria detailing the creation, adoption, review, and public availability of the policy.