

INTERNET USER POLICY

The Gunnison County Library District provides access to the Internet as a means to enhance the information and learning opportunities for the citizens of the Library's service area. The Board of Trustees has established the Internet use policy to ensure appropriate and effective use of this resource.

Access to the Internet shall be available to all patrons; however, this service may be restricted at any time for use not consistent with the guidelines. Parents of minor children must assume responsibility for their children's use of the Library's Internet service

Expectations:

Users shall be made aware that the inappropriate use of electronic information resources can be a violation of local, state, and federal laws and can lead to prosecution. The user shall be held responsible for his/her actions using the Internet. Users are expected to abide by the policies below which include generally accepted rules of network etiquette. Unacceptable uses of the service shall result in the suspension or revocation of Internet use privileges.

Warnings:

The Internet is a decentralized, unmoderated global network; the Gunnison County Library District has no control over the content found there. The Library shall not censor access to material nor protect users from offensive information, and it is not responsible for the availability and accuracy of information found on the Internet.

The Library cannot assure that data or files downloaded by users are virus-free. The Library shall not be responsible for damages to equipment or data on a user's personal computer from the use of data downloaded from the Library's Internet service.

The use of the Internet and e-mail is not guaranteed to be private.

Guidelines:

- Users may use the Internet for research and the acquisition of information to address their educational, vocational, cultural, and recreational needs
- Users may use the Internet for the receipt and transmission of electronic mail (e-mail) as long as they use a free e-mail service which will establish and maintain an account for them; the Library is unable to manage e-mail accounts for any organizations or individuals
- Internet use is offered in thirty (30) minute sessions on a first-come, first-served basis; each user is allowed one session--if there is no patron waiting for the service at the end of a session, the user can have another session, but once having had the service for 30 minutes the user must abandon use of the Internet if another patron requests use of the service
- Gunnison County Library District has a no-tolerance policy for patrons who access pornography via the Internet on public computers or the wireless network. Anyone

accessing pornographic sites/images in the public library will be asked to stop viewing sexually explicit images. If the patron does not comply this is a violation of the policy and staff may end their computer session and/or ask the patron to leave for the day. Repeated offenses could result in a ban from library property.

- Users shall respect and uphold copyright laws and all other applicable laws and regulations; they shall not use it for illegal purposes
- Users shall respect the rights and privacy of others by not accessing private files
- Users agree not to incur any costs for the Library through their use of the Internet service
- Users shall not create and/or distribute computer viruses over the Internet
- Users shall not deliberately or willfully cause damage to computer equipment, programs, or parameters

User violation of these guidelines may result in denial of use of the Library computers for access to the Internet.