

INTERNET

To assist patrons in the use and understanding of the internet, the library provides users with the following policy:

1. The primary purpose of internet connectivity is to provide access for all Laramie County residents to other computer systems throughout the world for information, research and entertainment appropriate to a public place.
2. Some of the most current and up-to-date sources of information today are only available via the internet.
3. The Laramie County Library System supports intellectual freedom, but does reserve the right to limit access to services deemed incompatible with the stated intent of internet service.
4. Network users are advised that some websites, peer-to-peer networks and other systems accessible via the internet contain material that may be considered offensive, illegal and/or inaccurate. Unlawful use of the internet is prohibited.
5. As with any other sources of information, the accuracy of the information should be evaluated as to its source of authority.
6. To foster an atmosphere of mutual respect and courtesy, the LCLS Code of Conduct will be enforced in the computer room and computer areas as it is on all library property. Library staff will enforce policies prohibiting the viewing of internet sites that are inappropriate for a public place.
7. Filtering is used to block sites that are illegal or inappropriate for a public place. The categories listed next are the headings used by the filtering software company. Sites blocked include, but are not limited to, gambling, child pornography/child abuse (sites showing children being abused), malicious code viruses, pornography/adult content, and spyware.
8. Filtering software is not foolproof. Sites that fall under the above categories may occasionally and inadvertently be accessible on Laramie County Library System computers.
9. Parents/guardians concerned with their child's access to the internet must accompany their child to the library to ensure their parental right to censor information is enforced. Library staff assumes no responsibility for children's use of library computers and the internet.

10. Parents/guardians do have the option of further filtering by selecting the most restrictive library card for a minor. The additional sites that are blocked on the most restricted card under this policy are chat sites, R-rated sites and obscene/tasteless sites.
11. Parents are encouraged to educate their children concerning safety and security when using the internet.
12. The library is not responsible for any liability that may occur as a result of the disclosure of any personal information over its public computers and network.
13. The library is not responsible for any damage to personal devices or to the files downloaded to personal devices or file storage media.
14. The computers in the library may not be available at times due to upgrades, power outages, closure due to weather or other issues out of the library's control.
15. Guest usage of library computers that have internet access and other software is \$1 per day.

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