

3.0 INTERNET POLICY

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 The Internet, as an information resource, enables the library to provide information beyond the confines of its own collection. The Internet offers access to a wealth of information that is educationally, personally, professionally, and culturally enriching for individuals of all ages. It has become an integral part of Plummer Public Library's services.

3.1.2 Plummer Public Library's Internet User Access Policy complies with Idaho Code 33-2741- "Public Library – Internet Use Policy Required."

3.1.3 Illegal activities or any other activities that are intended to interfere with or disrupt network users, services, or equipment are prohibited. If illegal activity is observed, law enforcement may be advised.

3.2 Internet Access and Terms of Use

3.2.1 Access to the Internet on the library's computers is available during the library's regular hours of operation. During times of high demand for internet stations, a 30-minute time limit may be imposed by the director or staff-in-charge so all may be accommodated. Computers are shut down 10 minutes prior to closing each day.

3.2.2 Prior to accessing the computers, library patrons are asked for their library card and guests may be asked to show ID.

3.2.3 A staff member may be available on a limited basis, as time allows for assistance (to the best of their ability) with technical troubleshooting.

3.2.4 Downloading files or software onto library computers is not allowed. Files may be downloaded to flash/jump/thumb drives.

3.2.5 If a printer is available, patrons are allowed to print at a charge of \$.20 per page.

3.2.6 Wi-fi is available throughout the building and in the parking lot 24/7. The password may be obtained from a staff member.

3.2.7 A parent or guardian must accompany and monitor Internet use by children in the library under the age of 14, or grant permission for unsupervised use by completing the authorization for minor use form in the presence of a library staff member.

3.2.8 To comply with CIPA (Child Internet Protection Act), an Internet filter is installed on all library computers to help protect against access to materials deemed

harmful to minors as defined in Idaho Code 33-2741. Ultimately the user, the parent, or guardian of a minor child is responsible for monitoring their own internet activity.

3.2.9 Any mistreatment or misuse of the computers will result in the loss of computer privileges. As with all library materials, users are responsible for, and will be charged for, any damage incurred.

3.3 Unacceptable Use

3.3.1 The Internet access computers shall not be used for any purposes which violate U.S. or State laws, to transmit threatening, obscene, or harassing materials, or to interfere with or disrupt network users, services, or equipment. Disruptions include but are not limited to distribution of unsolicited advertising, propagation of computer viruses, and using the network to make unauthorized entry to any other machine accessible via the network.

3.3.2 Computer users may not represent themselves as another person. Library staff reserves the right to ask for ID or other information to verify the identity of the patron or guest at any time.

3.3.3 It is assumed that information and resources accessible via the Internet are private to the individuals and organizations which own or hold rights to those resources and information, unless specifically stated otherwise by the owners or holders of rights. It is therefore not acceptable for an individual to use the Internet access computers to acquire information or resources unless permission to do so has been granted by the owners or holders of rights to those resources or information. (This pertains to copyrighted material.)

3.3.4 Malicious use is not acceptable. Use of the library's Internet access computers and any attached network in any manner that precludes or hampers its use by others is not allowed. Users shall not install or download any software program on library computers.

3.3.5 Unsolicited advertising is not acceptable. (No spamming, phishing, scamming, hacking, or other fraudulent activities.)

3.3.6 Any attempt to disable or otherwise interfere with the proper operation of the filter is prohibited.

3.4 Enforcement

Violation of this Policy will result in suspension of the user's computer privileges and may also result in revocation of library use privileges.

Developed under the direction of the Plummer Public Library Board of Trustees, this Computer and Internet User Access Policy was discussed and revised during a regular open meeting of the Board on January 9th, corrected on February 6th, and adopted at a regular Board meeting on March 6th, 2018.

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