

Dermott O'Toole Memorial Library

Internet Access & Use Policy

Purpose

To fulfill our mission of providing quality materials and services, the Dermott O'Toole Memorial Library (Library) offers free access to the Internet and other computer resources. The following policy discusses the Library's rules and regulations regarding internet use in the Library and compliance with federal law. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Statement of Responsibility

The internet with its highly diverse and often controversial content is an unregulated resource. The Library is not responsible for the accuracy, correctness nor the suitability of the information found on it.

Access

Internet access shall be made reasonable, fair, and equitable to all users.

Internet service is filtered on Library computers in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and our Internet Safety Policy which is posted in the library. The filtering is a federal requirement from our funding source (E-Rate) for internet access. Wi-Fi access is not filtered. The Library cannot guarantee filtering will block all potentially offensive or objective sites. Library users over the age of 18 may choose an unfiltered session. Once filtering is disabled, however, use must comply with law and the Library's Internet Access & Use Policy.

The Library upholds and affirms the right and responsibility of parents to determine and monitor their children's use of all library materials and resources.

Confidentiality

Internet communication information shall be considered private, and confidentiality will be encouraged within the limits of a public environment, the technology of the equipment, and the requirements of the law.

Privacy

While the Library is sensitive to a patron's need for privacy while using library resources and the internet, no guarantee of privacy is possible. The Library reserves the right to monitor computer use. Patrons are expected to respect the privacy of internet users in the library.

Legal and Ethical Use

All law and library policies apply to users of Library computer resources. Please refer to our Internet Safety Policy for the CIPA details.

Users shall make only authorized access to Library or other network's computer systems, the internet & databases.

Users shall obey the law and regulations in their application to copyright, licensed software and data and will not engage in libel, slander, harassment, fraud or any other illegal activity.

Users shall use computer and internet equipment respectfully and with care.

Internet users of all ages are prohibited from unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding minors.

Violations may lead to the suspension or revocation of a patron's Internet use.