

1NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY INTERNET USAGE POLICY

The Northwest Regional Library will provide free access to information over the Internet, within the requirements of the federal Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Under this law, adults 17 years or older may request unfiltered access to the Internet.

USER RESPONSIBILITIES

Internet computers will not be used for illegal activities or to access materials that by local standards are considered obscene.

Users must abide by copyright laws and licensing agreements.

Users will not disclose, use, or disseminate personal information regarding minors without written authorization of the parent or legal guardian; to preserve their own personal safety, users should avoid disclosing personal information over the Internet.

Parents are responsible for their children's use of library resources, to include their use of the Internet.

COMPUTER ACCESS

NWRL libraries require users to sign-up to access computers on a first-come basis and limit their session to one hour per day with the exception of those taking tests (e.g. Learn-a-Test).

SANCTIONS

Library employees are authorized to take prompt and appropriate actions to prohibit use by persons who fail to comply with CIPA or unacceptable uses of the network to include the following:

Illegal Activity

Copyright or license violations

Destroying, harming, or disrupting equipment and networks

Invading the privacy of others by accessing their data or using their accounts

Invasions of business privacy

Gambling

Using the network for financial or commercial gain

Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities

Widespread distribution of messages in multiple inappropriate forums

Propagation of worms or viruses

Computer and network break-ins and security probing without permission

Creating an environment that is intimidating, disruptive or hostile to others. Storage on the library's computers or main service, to include web pages.

Installation, downloading or modification of software.

Failure to abide by these rules will result in loss of computer privileges. Users must appeal to the NWRL Board by letter to request their privileges be restored.

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