Library Internet Policy

Minot Public Library has no control over the information accessed through the internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. The internet is a global entry with a highly diverse user population and Library customers use it at their own risk.

All internet resources accessible through the Library are provided equally to all library users. **PARENTS OR GUARDIANS**, not the library or its staff, are responsible for the internet information selected and/or accessed by their children -- and **ONLY THEIR CHILDREN** -- from access to internet resources. Parents may prohibit their children from accessing the upstairs computers by going to the 2nd floor circulation desk. **PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO SUPERVISE THEIR CHILDREN'S INTERNET SESSIONS.**

The Minot Public Library complies with the 2015 Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA), requiring all public libraries to have a filter on their public computers if they receive public funds. The library does provide filters on all computers, and the Wi-Fi network, however, they do not prohibit all information that one may find offensive or inappropriate. Filters are also not 100% effective and may not block all content that it should. The filters are more restrictive in the Children's Library than the Adult Floor. The Children's Library also does restrict some additional content that staff finds necessary, if children would like to access this content they would need to use the computers on the Adult Floor. In accordance with CIPA, if someone 17 years of age or older requests a blocked site to be unblocked, staff will provide access to that website in a timely manner if that website does not break other guidelines laid out in this internet policy.

Individuals can have internet use privileges **PERMANENTLY SUSPENDED** for inappropriate behavior, illegal use of the internet (including public display of pornography), not leaving computer when assigned time is up, changing computer settings, damaging equipment and software, and failing to follow internet use guidelines.

Library Internet Guidelines

1. <u>To use the internet, you will need a current Minot Public Library card</u>. Individuals living outside of the library service area may use the internet for a charge of $2.00 each time they use the internet.

2. MPL cardholders must be in good standing with the library in order to use computers.

3. **INDIVIDUALS Are Guaranteed Ability to Use The Computers Once A Day For One Hour**. If no one is waiting, they may continue to use the computers until a wait list is established. Use is on a first come first serve basis.

4. Regrettably, library staff is not able to offer extensive explanations about the internet or computer use or provide in-depth training. You are on your own, but with time permitting, staff will try to help you with some basic questions. If you are having technical problems, please let us know right away.

5. The Library's computers are set up for optimal use by a single person. Limit 2 people per computer.

6. When printing in the adult library, please choose to print to the correct printer. There are three printers that are available to patrons: Cassie BW (for monochromatic printing) Cassie Color (for full color printing), and Roll Printer (for large format printing). Each user gets $.10 free of printing per day and thereafter each single sided page is .10 cents for black & white and .25 cents for color, to be paid at the Circulation Desk. Each page from the large format printer is $1.00. You will be charged .20 cents for double-sided sheets from Cassie BW and .50 cents for double-sided sheets from Cassie Color. In the Children's Library you will be charged $.25 per page. **YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR <u>ALL</u> PRINTS MADE.**

7. A public Wi-Fi signal is available for the public to use while in the library. The network is named "Library" and has no password. If you are using our Wi-Fi connection, we ask you to have your equipment packed up by the five minute closing announcement.

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