

Computer Use and Internet Policy

The intent of this policy is to meet the provisions of Idaho Code § 33-2741, as well as to provide guidelines for patrons and staff regarding internet access and online computer use. The Computer Use and Internet Policy was discussed and adopted during an open meeting of the Library Board on February 13, 2018, and is effective as of February 14, 2018. Jerome Library Board shall review this policy at least every three years.

The Jerome Public Library has filtering software on any publicly accessible computer with internet access that protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors, as defined in Idaho Code § 33-2741 and the Children's Internet Protection Act and is enforced to provide internet safety during any use of a computer. An authorized library representative, with the permission of the Library Director, may disable the filtering software at the request of a patron to enable internet access for lawful purposes.

Users shall be subject to the following conditions of use of the computer facilities offered by the Jerome Public Library:

- Users with library privileges must have their own library card to access the computer.
- Users without a library account shall obtain access to a designated "guest" station by requesting access from library staff at the front desk. Each will be limited to a 1 hour per day session. Wireless users are not subject to the time limitation.
- Library account must be in good standing and/or have an account not in excess of \$10.00.
- Minors under the age of 13 with library cards may use computers with internet access with signed parent permission.
- A parent or legal guardian must accompany minors under the age of 13 without a library card or internet privileges.
- Minors under the age of 13 only: There will be no more than one user at a computer at a time.
- Minors aged 13 – 17 may obtain a temporary Digital Access Card to access library computers. This temporary card will be valid for 30 days and can become a permanent card with the signature of a parent or guardian.
- Daily use for minors is limited to a one-hour session.
- Users will use computer stations in designated area for their age group as marked on computer screens.
- Staff and availability of workstations in the atrium will determine time limits for adults 18 and older.
- Users shall not access internet sites or view media depicting images of nude human genitalia, buttocks, or female breasts or which are pornographic, or sexually explicit.

- Users shall not create files on the computer, other than temporary internet files, or attempt to access or modify existing files.
- Users can download materials that are available for purchase through allowed sites with icons on the computer desktop.
- Users shall not install any programs, nor copy any programs.
- All use shall comply with State and Federal laws and regulations.

Violation of this policy may result in immediate suspension of the User's computer privileges and, if appropriate, library privileges.

Adopted by Jerome Public Library Board of Trustees December 8, 2009.

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