

Internet Use

1. Purpose

a. Ilsley Public Library provides access to the internet as part of its mission: “The library provides ready access to current materials in demand in all formats so that people may pursue their individual interests widely...”

b. The library has no control over the information accessed through the internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Individuals are responsible for evaluating content. As with other library materials, the library affirms the right and responsibility of parents or guardians to guide, determine, and monitor their children’s use of the internet.

2. Responsibilities of the library

a. The library has no ability or statutory authority to assure that only constitutionally protected material is accessed by the public. The authority to determine what is obscene rests with the state legislature and state courts, not with the staff of Ilsley Public Library.

b. The availability of information does not constitute endorsement of the content by Ilsley Public Library. Ilsley Public Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility or consequences arising from access to or use of information obtained through the internet.

3. Responsibility of the public

a. Access, use, or dissemination of information via the internet in the library is the responsibility of the user.

b. Users are urged to respect the sensibilities of others when accessing information that may reasonably be offensive to someone else. Absolute privacy in using the internet in the library cannot be guaranteed and there is always a possibility of inadvertent viewing by others.

c. Ultimate responsibility for problems related to the invasion of privacy or loss of data rests with the patron. The Library assumes no liability for loss or damage to data or for any damage or injury arising from invasion of privacy.

d.. The public and staff may use library computing resources only for legal purposes. Examples of unacceptable purposes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Harassment;
- Libeling or slandering;

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- Destruction of or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library or others;
- Disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications;
- Unauthorized copying of copyright-protected material;
- Conducting illegal activities of any kind;
- Knowingly transmitting a virus.

4. Internet use guidelines for parents and guardians

a. The public library does not serve *in loco parentis* (in place of a parent) as a school does. Librarians cannot act in the place of parents in providing constant care and supervision of children as they explore the internet.

b. The library supports the right and responsibility of parents/guardians, to monitor their children's use of the internet. In support of this, the library provides, in addition to training and guidebooks, one machine in the youth department with a filtering component similar to that used in the Mary Hogan Elementary School. However, parents/guardians should understand that no filtering software can control access to all materials that a parent/guardian may feel is inappropriate. The library assumes no responsibility for monitoring who uses or does not use the filtered machine.

c. When asked, library staff will make information available to help parents and guardians exercise their rights and responsibilities regarding their own children's use of the internet.

5. Wireless

The library provides free, unsecured, wireless internet access for public use. Policies regulating public internet access provided by the library shall also apply to personal use of the library's public wireless access.

6. Confidentiality

The library does not maintain a history of users' computer use. The library will not retrieve any information, including web sites visited, passwords or credit card numbers, or any other information a user has entered. At the end of the business day, all public computer use is erased.

**Adopted by the Board of Trustees
Hsley Public Library**

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