



Policy

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Internet Use

The Newberg Public Library has made information available in a variety of formats, from print to audiovisual materials during its history. The addition of electronic resources from information networks around the world simply expands the availability of information for the residents of the area.

We firmly believe that the valuable information available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may come across material that may be offensive to them. The Library does not monitor, and has no control over, the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. The Library may place software or other automated devices (such as filters) on workstations placed in departments specifically devoted to serving youth. These devices, while designed to eliminate material of a sexual nature from appearing on the screens, do not remove everything which some might find objectionable and parents are encouraged to monitor and supervise their children's use of the Internet.

Use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of the privilege. Examples of inappropriate use include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Harassment of other users;
- Libeling or slandering other users;
- Violation of another user's privacy;
- More than one person at a workstation;
- Destruction of or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library or other users;
- Disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications;
- Unauthorized copying of copyright-protected material;
- Unauthorized use of computer accounts, access codes, or network id numbers assigned to others;
- Use of sounds and visuals which might be disruptive to others;
- Misrepresentation of age or identity.

Internet use will be managed in a manner consistent with the Library's Rules of Conduct as posted in the Library.

Illegal acts involving Library computing resources may also be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.

The Library's staff will assist patrons with Internet use as time permits but cannot offer personal instruction. Reference staff are always available to help patrons locate books, periodicals, videos, and other materials about the Internet.