



Reed Memorial Library

Public Use of Internet (including WiFi) Policy

The Reed Memorial Library provides free public access to the internet as an informational and educational resource. Anyone using the internet at the Reed Memorial Library will be expected to use it responsibly, ethically, and in a matter consistent with the purpose for which it is provided.

The internet is a global electronic network offering access to many valuable local, national and international sources of information. However, some information found on the internet may be inaccurate, incomplete, dated, in violation of law, or offensive to some individuals. The Reed Memorial Library has no control over the information accessed through the internet and cannot be held responsible for its content or reliability. Users of the internet do so at their own risk and not the library's. Parents are responsible for any damage caused by their children to library equipment or software.

The following rules govern access to the internet from the library:

1. The library computers are available for educational, informational, and recreational purposes only, not for unauthorized, illegal, indecent, or unethical purposes. Patrons may not send, receive or display text or graphics that may be reasonably construed as obscene. No patron shall display images on a computer screen that are considered pornographic, illegal, or inappropriate for display in a public place. Such displays or transmissions may result in appropriate legal action including suspension of library privileges or police intervention.
2. Users may not use the network to make unauthorized entry into other computational, informational or communication services or resources, distribute unsolicited advertising, invade the privacy of others, make any attempt to damage or change any computer equipment, software or network settings, engage in any activity that is harassing or defamatory, use the internet for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other rights of third parties, or in a manner inconsistent with the Library's tax-exempt status or its proper operation.
3. Responsibility for and any restriction of a child's use of the internet rests solely with the child's parent(s) or legal guardian. Parents or legal guardians must assume responsibility for deciding what library resources are appropriate for their own children. Parents or legal guardians should guide their children in use of the internet and inform them about materials they should not use. The use of the computer facilities by children and young adults under the age of 18, who are unattended while at the library are, by the use there of, to have parental permission to use its resources, including the internet.

4. The Library staff cannot provide tutoring or devote significant time to assisting patrons in the use of the computer. Library staff can assist patrons in very basic use of Library computers as time permits, but cannot provide lengthy or detailed instruction.
5. By using the library's wireless internet access you agree to abide by the library's Internet Policy.
6. Most WiFi equipment will be compatible. However, the library can make no guarantees as to compatibility of your equipment with the library's network.
7. The library's wireless network is not secure. Information sent to and from your device may be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and the appropriate software. Wireless users assume all risks in this regard.

Users should be aware that the internet is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding users' activities. However, the library will not release information on the use of specific internet resources by members of the public except as required by law or as necessary for the proper operation of the library.

The library staff has the right to terminate any session at any time for any use deemed inappropriate. The Library reserves the right to take appropriate action to insure compliance with this policy.

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