

Internet Use Policy

In response to the continual advancement of technologies and the evolving informational needs of the community, Lied Scottsbluff Public Library offers access to the Internet. Internet access is just one of the many components of the library's mission to provide high quality public education to all ages. Internet access allows library customers to explore a wealth of online digital resources to further enhance their educational or enlightenment goals. However, because of the breadth of information on the Internet, the unstructured and unregulated nature of the Internet and the challenges of filtering, Lied Scottsbluff Public Library cannot control or be held responsible for the content of resources available on the Internet.

- Any person, regardless of age or residency may have access to the Internet and digital resources available through Lied Scottsbluff Public Library.
- Persons under the age of sixteen (16) years of age must use filtered Internet computers in the children's or teen areas as appropriate.
- Use of computers for one hour will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Extensions will be allowed for up to three hours as computers are available.
- No more than two (2) people are allowed at one computer station
- Adults using a computer workstation must continue to supervise all children accompanying them to the library (see unattended children policy)
- Computer users may not load any outside software programs
- Centralized printing is available. Customers are encouraged to print preview, as they are responsible for the cost of all printouts
- Wi-Fi access is available for mobile customers free of charge
- Users are not allowed to display any visual images containing nudity, obscenity or graphic violence, as defined by Nebraska State Statute 28-807 (6) (9) and (10)
- Library improper conduct policy applies to computer users

Non-Acceptable Use

It is not acceptable to use the library's Internet services or equipment for any purpose that violates city ordinance, state or federal laws. Information and resources accessible via the Internet are private to the individuals and organizations that own or hold rights to those resources and information. Therefore it is not acceptable for any individual to use the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library Internet services or equipment to access or copy information unless permission to do so has been granted by the owners or holders of rights to those resources or information.

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Interference with or disruption of network users, services or equipment is not acceptable. Viewing of certain materials in the Library may be considered improper in time, place, or manner (i.e. nudity, obscenity, or graphic violence). The Library reserves the right to end an Internet session at any time.

Parental Responsibilities:

The Lied Scottsbluff Public Library does not serve in loco parentis (in place of a parent). The responsibility for what minors view or read on the Internet rests solely with the parent or guardian. Parental involvement is the best way to ensure a child's safety when online.

Below are a few recommended guidelines for parents or guardians to ensure children have a positive online experience, whether at home or at the library.

- Use of the Internet as a family
- Explore the wide range of available information on the Internet, including social networking sites, and explain why sites are appropriate or inappropriate
- Provide guidelines for your child on the amount of time they spend online
- Instruct your child to ALWAYS ask permission before using their full name, address, telephone number, or school name anywhere on the Internet
- Instruct your child to NEVER give out personal information online
- Instruct your child to NEVER arrange to meet anyone they met while online, unless discussed with a parent or guardian and accompanied by a trusted adult.
- Teach your child to be a good online consumer. Consider the information source, date and accuracy of all print and online resources Public Accessibility Guidelines
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