

INTERNET AND ONLINE ACCESS POLICY

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The Nampa Public Library Internet Safety Policy is adopted in accordance with Idaho Code §33-2741 and with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (“CIPA”), found at 47 USC 254(h).

Developed under the direction of the Board of the Nampa Public Library, this Internet and Online Access Policy was discussed and adopted, following public notice required by Idaho Code, during an open meeting of the Library Board on June 11, 2024. This policy is effective on June 11, 2024 and supersedes any and all previous Internet and online access policies or statements of the Nampa Public Library Board of Trustees.

The Nampa Public Library has a ***policy of Internet safety, including the operation of a technology protection measure, hereafter called “filtering software,” on any publicly accessible computer with Internet access that protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography as defined in I.C. §33-2741 and the Children’s Internet Protection Act. The filtering software will be enforced to provide Internet safety during any use of a computer.***

Library policy may also limit Internet access or otherwise protect against materials other than the materials specified in Idaho statute or federal law.

Access to the public internet computers is available without charge to anyone with a Lynx! Consortium card. Charges may apply to individuals accessing the Internet without a library card. Amount of time spent on the Internet per day will be limited by the library.

Internet access through the library is provided to all users, with the understanding that it is the individual user’s responsibility to demonstrate judgment, respect for others, and appropriate conduct while using public library resources and facilities. Use in violation of this or any other library policy may result in revocation of this privilege.

Accounts with charges over \$10 will be blocked from public Internet computers. Loaning and/or borrowing a card for Internet access is not allowed and will result in loss of Internet access privileges for the account associated with the card.

The library is not responsible for equipment malfunction, loss or damage to users’ equipment, data, or electronic transactions of any type. Internet computers will not be used for illegal activity, to access illegal materials or access to obscene images (as defined in Idaho State Code §18-4105 or §18-1514.)

- Report all computer problems to library staff immediately, rather than trying to fix a problem yourself.
- Do not load software onto library equipment.
- Patrons with Nampa Public Library cards may not use visitor computers unless all NPL cardholder computers are in use.

This Policy document will be reviewed by the Nampa Public Library Board at least every three years. The filtering software will be enforced to provide Internet Safety during any use of a computer by a minor.

Notice of the availability of this Policy will be posted in a conspicuous place within the library. The Library Board has established procedures and guidelines to handle complaints about this policy, enforcement of this policy by library staff, and what a patron should do if they observe inappropriate behavior by another library patron. A notice of the availability of these procedures for public review will be posted.

WIRELESS ACCESS:

Users are responsible for configuring and maintaining their own equipment.

Users must comply with the Internet and Online Access Policy

The Library reserves the right to terminate any access that disrupts library services or that involves patron behavior which violates this Policy, and/or the Library's Patron Rules of Conduct Policy which is posted in the library.

**** Contents of this policy that appear in bold italics are Idaho Code and therefore are mandated and cannot be altered by the library.***