

## **Sioux City Public Library Policy**

### **Internet Use Policy**

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Access to the Internet is offered to support **Sioux City Public Library**'s mission to provide equal access to a world of ideas and information for community enrichment. This Internet Use Policy applies to those who use the Library's computer equipment and to those who use the Library's wireless Internet network.

The Internet is a global, unregulated electronic network. Patron use of the Internet carries with it a responsibility to evaluate the quality of the information accessed. The availability of information does not constitute endorsement of the content or accuracy by the Sioux City Public Library.

Library staff are available to assist patrons in selecting the best information resources to meet their needs. It is not possible for staff to monitor every patron's use of the Internet; however, this will not excuse unlawful use, which is prohibited. Patrons who engage in unlawful use of the Internet including, but not limited to, Title XVI of the Iowa Code, Chapter 728 Obscenity, and U. S. Code Title 17 Copyright, will have Library privileges suspended and may be prosecuted.

The Library does not filter Internet content. Computers located specifically in the children's area do use a content management system that limits, but cannot be guaranteed to prohibit, access to restricted content. Any restriction of a minor's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Sioux City Public Library cannot guarantee confidentiality over the Internet or local networks. The Library assumes no liability for data or personal equipment used on its computers or networks.

### **Guidelines for Acceptable Use of the Internet at the Sioux City Public Library**

The Library places time limits on Internet use in order to provide access to as many users as possible. The general Internet stations have a 45 minute per session limit and the project stations have a 2 hour per session limit, with a total limit of 2 individual sessions per day. An individual is required to use his/her own Library card number for Internet logins. Internet use is on a first-come, first-served basis for a designated time period. Internet access is free with a Sioux City Library card. There is a \$1.00 charge for guest logins and card number lookups.

While library staff help patrons find needed sources of information, support of services provided by other sites/entities, on-demand training or support in using a keyboard and mouse, or assistance in using personal software and devices may not be available.

Patrons may bring their own storage device to save files. Diskettes are available for purchase at the Library for 50¢ each; compact discs are available for \$1.00 each. Flash drives (2GB) are available for \$6.50. No permanent modifications may be made to Library equipment.

Black and white printing is available for 25¢ per page. Patrons needing sound capability may purchase earbuds for \$1.00.

Use of the Library's Internet service is a privilege. Unacceptable use of the Internet in the Public Library may result in the loss of that privilege at the discretion of Library staff on duty. See the related Conduct in the Library Policy.