Grand Forks Public Library

Internet Policy

The Grand Forks Public Library is committed to ensuring access to information through technology as part of our mission to connect the community, enrich the mind, and inspire the imagination.

As part of this mission, the Library offers Internet access on computer workstations as well as free wireless access ("Wi-Fi"). Patron use of the Internet within the grounds of the Grand Forks Public Library must comply with the Internet Use Policy. Users of the Library computers and the Internet do so at their own risk. The Library Board and its employees assume no responsibility for damages of any type arising from the use of the Internet in the library.

COMPUTER AND INTERNET SAFETY

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the Grand Forks Public Library uses filtering software designed to prevent access to obscenity, child pornography, and materials harmful to minors as outlined by CIPA. However, library Internet users should be aware there are limitations with Internet filtering software. While designed to restrict access to Internet content that could be deemed inappropriate, these systems are not a substitute for individual judgment and/or parental involvement and oversight. Filters may block sites which have legitimate value, as well as allowing some content through which parents might find objectionable.

In accordance with North Dakota Century Code, sending, receiving, or displaying pornographic materials is prohibited (NDCC 12.1-27.1)

ACCESS BY CHILDREN

The Grand Forks Public Library affirms the right and responsibility of parents and legal guardians to determine and monitor their own children's use of Library materials and resources. The Library advises parents/guardians that it cannot assure children's safety and security while using the Internet in the Library nor can Library staff monitor what sites children might view.

RULES OF USE

Library Internet and Wi-Fi users may not:

- Copy software that is installed on Library computers.
- Use the network to make unauthorized entry into other computational, informational or communication services or resources.
- Invade the privacy of others.
- Damage computer equipment or software.
- Engage in any activity that is harassing or defamatory, causes a disturbance in the Library, or disrupts the normal operations of the library and/or its network.
- Use the Internet for unauthorized access or any illegal activity, including hacking, violation of copyright or other rights of third parties, or in a manner that is inconsistent with the Library's policies or its proper operation.

> **Patrons who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include termination of library privileges and criminal prosecution.**

> **The library reserves the right to limit the use of the Internet for any reason.**

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