



Internet Use Policy

Grand Forks Public_ is committed to ensuring equal access to information through technology, to connect the community, inspire innovation, & encourage curiosity.

As part of this mission, the Library offers Internet access on computer workstations as well as free wireless access ("Wi-Fi"). By using the Internet within the grounds of the Grand Forks Public Library, you agree to comply with the Internet Use Policy.

Additionally, Grand Forks Public_ has received funding from the federal Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) to purchase laptops, tablets, and hotspots. Any ECF supported equipment and services can only be provided to patrons who declare they do not have access to the equipment or services sufficient to access the internet.

COMPUTER AND INTERNET SAFETY

To help facilitate a safe and comfortable environment for all patrons using the Internet (both computer workstations & wi-fi), Grand Forks Public_ follows the Children's Internet Protection Act ([CIPA](#)) as well as the North Dakota Century Code 12.1-27.1 ([NDCC 12.1-27.1](#)).

FILTERING

The library is required by state and federal law to use filtering software designed to prevent access to material that is obscene or harmful to children.

Grand Forks Public_ encourages individual judgment and/or parental involvement and oversight. While designed to restrict access to Internet content that may be inappropriate, filters may block sites which have legitimate value, as well as allowing some content through which parents might find objectionable.

USER RESPONSIBILITIES

You have the responsibility of using library resources in a respectful and courteous manner as described in our [Patron Rights and Responsibilities Policy](#).

Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Invading the privacy of others
- Damaging computer equipment or software
- Engaging in any activity that disrupts the operations of the library
- Any activity that violates local, state, or federal laws

The library reserves the right to limit the use of the Internet for any reason. 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. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action, including termination of library privileges and criminal prosecution.