

Lewis & Clark Library

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Policy

The Lewis & Clark Public Library endeavors to develop collections, resources, and services that meet the cultural, informational, recreational, and educational needs of our diverse, multicultural communities. It is within this context that the Lewis & Clark Public Library offers access to the Internet and other electronic resources.

The Lewis & Clark Library does not impose any restrictions on the access to information accessible through the Internet. The American Library Association governing body states through an interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights that libraries should offer "free and unfettered access to the Internet for any library user, regardless of age." The American Library Association "Resolution on the Use of Filtering Software in Libraries", and the "Statement on Library Use of Filtering Software" reiterate the U.S. Supreme Court declaration in *Reno V. American Civil Liberties Union* that the Internet is a forum of free expression deserving full constitutional protection. The resolution and statement condemn the use of filtering software as blocking access to constitutionally protected speech.

Parents or legal guardians, not the Library or its staff, are responsible for the use of Internet resources by minor children (Under the age of eighteen (18) MCA 41-1-101). Parents or legal guardians may restrict their minor children from Internet resources accessible through the Library. Parents or legal guardians are advised to supervise their minor children's Internet sessions.

Library users are prohibited from violating copyright law, violating others' privacy, causing deliberate damage to library computer systems, interfering with other library users use of library computer systems, disrupting network services, harassing or intimidating others, penetration or attempting to bypass any security on Library resources, or any other illegal acts promulgated from or targeting the Library's computer systems.

By use of the Library's systems the user agrees that the Library can assume no liability for any loss or damage to the user's data and hardware or for any other liability for damage or injury arising from the Library's provision of the service or consequence arising there from. Users indemnify and hold harmless the Lewis & Clark Library, the City of Helena and Lewis and Clark County against any liability for damage or loss arising from use or misuse of the services provided by or through the Library.

Procedures

If there is a violation of this policy, the following may occur:

- The individuals responsible may be banned from using library systems
- Offending devices may be removed and denied access to the library systems

- Any individuals may be held legally responsible based on City of Helena ordinances, and Montana State Law

Library practices

The library makes every attempt to prevent the collection or retention of any personally identifiable information. The library will never reveal or release any patron information regarding usage of Library systems unless required by law or court order.

The library protects users' privacy as stated in the Lewis & Clark Library Privacy Policy.

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