

COMPUTER USE & INTERNET POLICY

The Lyons Community Library provides public computers and Internet access to all. The Internet contains a wide variety of material and opinions from various points of view. Not all sources provide information that is accurate, complete or current, and some information may be considered offensive or inappropriate to some.

While the Lyons Community Library is sensitive to the concerns of patrons over Internet content, the Library cannot control the information available on the Internet. Each individual is responsible for his or her own appropriate use of the Internet in a public place. The responsibility for what minors read or view on the Internet rests with the parent or legal guardian.

Patrons' Responsibility

In order to ensure a positive experience for everyone the Library requires all patrons:

- Use computers only for lawful purposes.
- Refrain from viewing pornographic visual materials or content that by contemporary community standards would be considered obscene.
- Refrain from damaging or altering computer equipment, systems, or software.
- Refrain from making any attempt to modify, gain access to files, passwords or data belonging to others or seeking unauthorized access to the Library's or any other computer system.
- Use headphones when accessing audio content.
- Must recognize that materials copied from the Internet may be subject to copyright laws.
- Pay for all prints at the time of printing.

A violation of the Library's Computer and Internet Policy is considered a violation of the Patron Behavior Policy.

Internet Filters

The Lyons Community Library complies with state laws HB 04-1004 and C.R.S. 24-90-601 and the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) mandating the use of Internet content filters in public libraries. The Library employs a filtering service to protect against the visual depiction of pornography, obscenity, and child pornography on all public wireless and wired connections. No filtering software is completely accurate. Filters may block material that is appropriate in a public library setting or they may fail to block access to illegal or objectionable material.

Patrons may request an unfiltered Internet connection for legitimate research purposes but may be given a laptop to use in a more private location if images to be viewed could be objectionable or inappropriate for children.

Safety and Security

The Library attempts to keep public computers free from viruses and other malware but makes no guarantee regarding the security or privacy of information sent and received while accessing the Internet either via library computers or personal devices attached to the public wireless Internet. Patrons use Library computers at their own risk and should take care to disclose information only on reputable websites. Users should be aware that the Internet is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding users' activities. To the extent possible, information about each user's session is removed when a patron logs out of the computer. The Library is not responsible for damage to a user's storage device or any loss of data.

The same standards of intellectual freedom, privacy, and confidentiality upheld by the Library for traditional resources and materials apply to electronic media. The Library follows state and federal law regarding privacy of Library users' records and information. The Library will not release information on the use of specific Internet resources by patrons except as required by law (see: Patron Privacy Policy).

Approved and Adopted by the Lyons Regional Library Board of Trustees:

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