Mooneyham Public Library

Internet Use Agreement

- Purpose: The library provides internet access to the public as an additional source of information. It is to be used to supplement other references and educational information.

- Responsibilities of the Users:

  The Mooneyham Public Library has no control over the information accessed through the internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Individual users must accept responsibility for evaluating content. As with other library materials, the library affirms the right and responsibility of parents and/or guardians to guide, determine, and monitor their children's use of the internet.

  The library cannot guarantee confidentiality on the internet, nor will it guarantee the use of a secured or non-secured site.

- Rules of Usage:

  The internet policy automatically appears on the computer screen the first time a patron tries to access the internet. The patron must read and accept the policy before they proceed.

  All users of the internet must fill out a library card application or present their photo identification to library staff to receive a guest pass. Patrons should use their library card or guest access code to register for use at an open computer.

  Users are limited to one (1) hour of internet use per session. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis if a patron needs more time for school or job-related work (a patron taking an online test is an example of an approved extension of use).

  No more than two (2) users will be permitted at a workstation at one time if space allows. Both individuals, if under the age of under 16, must have parental permission to use the internet.

  Users may print information from the internet screens at a cost of $.25 cents per page for black and white prints and $.40 per page for color prints. Some documents may contain numerous pages; users are financially responsible for all printouts. Those needing help with printing are encouraged to seek staff assistance.

  The computers will automatically shut down every day at 4:50 PM.

  Library staff cannot guarantee training or tutoring on the use of the computer, but will try to answer any questions and provide assistance when possible.

It is not the responsibility of the library to monitor children's use of the internet or to decide which resources are appropriate. It is the library's policy that parents or legal guardians must assume responsibility for deciding what resources are appropriate for their children.

Children under the age of sixteen (16) are required to have a library application card on file on which the parent or guardian has given the child permission to use the internet.

- Usage Guidelines

These rules and guidelines cover any device, whether owned by the library or not, that is connected to the library's network. For the purposes of this policy, the term "network" encompasses both the wired and wireless networks. The following is a list of unauthorized usage of the network:

- o Sending, receiving, or displaying text files or images of any type that is profane, obscene, pornographic, discriminatory, or offensive.
- o Deliberately downloading, uploading, creating, or transmitting computer viruses.
- o Using chat rooms or instant messaging.
- o Writing or sending hate mail, chain letters, or anonymous messages.
- o Using computer resources for purposes of libel, slander, harassment, fraud, financial gain, political campaigning, or any illegal activity.
- o Violating copyright laws and/or fair use provisions by downloading or uploading pirated or illegal material, including, but not limited to, software and music files.
- o Committing any form of vandalism on equipment, attempting to defeat or circumvent any security measures or controls, or attempting to obtain unauthorized computer access or privileges.
- o Unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.
- o Creating an atmosphere of discomfort or harassment of others by displaying any images, sound, or text to cause the distress of another person. Harassment is persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person.

Violations of the above rules will result in the following penalties:

At the first violation, the user is denied internet access for one week.

A second violation will result in loss of internet access for three (3) months.

A third violation will result in an indefinite loss of internet access.

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Mooneyham Public Library's Board of Trustees.