

RESOLUTION No. 2024-8

INTERNET USE POLICY AND GUIDELINES HAZEL L. MEYER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

PURPOSE

The Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library is committed to providing access to informational, educational, recreational and cultural resources for all library users. The Library provides access to the internet through library computers connected to the Internet, and through wireless access. The Library upholds and affirms the right of each individual to have access to constitutionally protected material. The Library also affirms the right and responsibility of parents to determine and monitor their children's use of Library materials and resources

The library's computer system provides the opportunity to integrate electronic resources from the Internet with the library's other resources. The Internet, as an information resource, enables the Library to provide information beyond the confines of its own collection. Currently, however, it is an unregulated medium. As such, while it offers access to a wealth of material that is personally, professionally, and culturally enriching to individuals of all ages, it also enables access to some material that may be offensive, disturbing and/or illegal. The library cannot monitor or accept responsibility for material on Internet resources.

In compliance with Section 22-24-56 of the South Dakota Codified Laws, the library uses a technology protection measure that limits minors' ability to gain access to obscene matter as defined by Section 22-24-27.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF USERS

Users should be aware that they are working in a public environment shared by people of all ages and sensibilities. Users should refrain from the use of Internet sounds and visuals which might disrupt other library patrons.

Users are individually responsible for their own access, use and dissemination of information via the Internet in the Library.

Users should safely share personal information on the Internet. The Library cannot be responsible for security of personal information shared on or with Internet sites.

Children in 5th Grade and under must use the Internet with an accompanying adult. The Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library assumes no responsibility for the use of the Internet by children. It is the responsibility of the user (or parent, guardian, or caregiver) to determine what is appropriate. Parents are encouraged to work closely with their children

in selecting material that is consistent with personal and family values and boundaries.

CONDITIONS AND TERMS OF USE IN THE LIBRARY

To encourage use and establish guidelines, the following regulations will apply to Internet computer users. All users are expected to use the resources in a responsible, ethical manner which includes but is not limited to the following items. If users do not follow these guidelines, they will be asked to stop using the computers and may be asked to leave the library.

1. User will not disturb other library patrons and will follow rules of polite and appropriate quiet behavior. No more than two people will be allowed per computer. Other library patrons will not hover over current Internet user.
2. Users will access resources for educational, informational, and recreational purposes only: not for unauthorized, illegal, nor unethical purposes.
3. Users are expected to obey all federal, state, and local laws.
4. The U. S. Copyright Law (title 17, U. S. Code) prohibits unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials; therefore, users may not copy or distribute electronically accessed materials without permission of copyright holder, except as permitted by "fair use" principles. Responsibility with copyright infringement is with the users. The Library disclaims liability resulting from such infringements.
5. The user needs to be a good information consumer and evaluate the validity of information accessed via the Internet.
6. User will respect the privacy of others and will not misrepresent oneself as another user, will not attempt to modify nor gain access to files, passwords, nor data belonging to others, will not seek unauthorized access to any computer system, and will not damage nor alter software components of any network or database.
7. User will not send, receive, nor display text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene, offensive, or inappropriate or you may lose library privileges.

Computers will be available on a first come first serve basis. Exceptions will be made for test proctoring for online studies.

Library staff is available to offer beginning instructions for access to the Internet. Staff may not be familiar with every application patrons might wish to use. The library does not provide complete technical support.

Computer users can make paper copies through the library printer. A free will donation may be made for printing the copies.

Dated this 11th day of December 2024

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