



## **POLICY: INTERNET USE**

### **Purpose**

To establish rules and expectations for the use of the Internet at Ilsley Public Library.

### **Statement of Policy**

- To the best of its ability Ilsley Public Library will provide high-speed wireless and wired access to the Internet within its buildings.
- As stated in the *Library Bill of Rights* of the American Library Association, “The use of Internet filters to block constitutionally protected speech, including content on social networking and gaming sites, compromises First Amendment freedoms and the core values of librarianship.” Accordingly, the Ilsley Public Library does not employ Internet Filters or otherwise block use of, or access to, the content of the Internet.
- Parents and guardians of children are solely responsible for their charges’ use of the Internet.
- The library does not use any software to filter content on any of its computers.
- The library does not maintain a history of users’ Internet use and erases the history of public computer use at the end of the day. Consequently, the library cannot retrieve any information a user has entered, including web sites visited, while accessing the Internet at Ilsley or Sarah Partridge Libraries.
- Responsibility for loss of data or personal information rests solely with the user.
- Users may not
  - use the Internet for illegal activities;
  - use the Internet to harass library patrons; or
  - knowingly transmit a virus.

Patrons engaging in these activities may be barred by library staff from use of library WiFi and library computers.

### **Definitions**

“Internet” refers to the Internet when accessed through the library’s public computers as well as when accessed through the library’s WiFi on patrons’ private devices.

“Ilsley Public Library” refers to both the Ilsley and Sarah Partridge Libraries.

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