POLICY: Computer and Internet Use

Purpose
To provide library patrons with free use of library computers and their own internet-enabled devices on the library's wireless network, in an equitable, secure, and private fashion and without discrimination based upon the patron's origin, age, background, or views.

Statement of Policy
Access to information is a core mission of all libraries, and internet resources have become an essential medium for research and communication. Ilsley library provides computers with access to the internet, databases, and various software applications to patrons on a first-come, first-served basis. However, the library may implement a computer use management system, including sign- up sheets and time limits, to ensure that library computers are equitably available to all patrons.

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.

Implementation
Library Computers
1. Library computers are available on a first come, first served basis unless they are needed for special purposes, such as library classes. When there are not enough computers for all patrons who desire to use them, reasonable time limits may be established.
2. Parents and guardians of minor children are fully responsible for their charges' use of the Internet.
3. Patrons may *not*:
    a. modify or harm library computers in any way, including changing system configuration, modifying privacy settings, or installing software;
    b. use library computers to conduct illegal activities; or
    c. harass or disturb others.
4. Use of computers in youth areas should be appropriate and respectful of other patrons
5. Library staff may enforce these policies, including time limits and misuse of library computers.
6. Patrons who violate this policy may be barred by library staff from using library computers.

Internet Usage
1. Ilsley provides access to the internet both on library computers and by a publicly accessible wireless network that patrons may connect to with their personal devices.
2. Ilsley does not monitor or track patron use of the internet, either on library computers or on patrons' own devices
3. Patrons may *not* use the library network to
    a. conduct any illegal activity, including knowingly spreading malicious software;
    b. harass or disturb library patrons;
4. Patrons who violate this policy may be barred by library staff from using the library network.

Definitions
"Internet" refers to the Internet when accessed through the library's public computers as well as when accessed through the library's WiFi system..

"Library network" refers to both the wireless and wired network connecting the computers within the library locations, as well as public internet connections available from those networks.

"Ilsley," "the library," and all similar terms refer to both the Ilsley and Sara Partridge Public Libraries.

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