



Dolores Public Library Internet Use Policy

The purpose of the Dolores Public Library is to provide an environment that encourages reading by all groups. The Library's mission is to offer the resources that contribute to the community's pursuit of educational objectives, intellectual and emotional growth, the enjoyment of leisure time, and the solutions to everyday problems.

Because the Internet is a vast, unregulated medium, the Library cannot control and is not responsible for the content or accuracy of information accessed over the Internet, including information contained in electronic mail, chat rooms, social media, and other forms of electronic communication.

The Dolores Public Library complies with state and federal law guiding the use of filtering software in public libraries. Internet computers are filtered to screen out obscene and sexually explicit websites in accordance with the Federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Colorado's Internet Protection Act.

No filtering system is completely effective or efficient. Filters may not block everything that might be considered offensive. Further restriction of a minor's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. Users in the library may not use Internet sessions in a manner that is deliberately offensive. Internet users are asked to refrain from displaying material on Library computers which may be interpreted as part of an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment, would be harmful to minors, or interfere with the ability of patrons and staff to use the library. Anyone who misuses or abuses the equipment or disregards the rules may lose user privileges.

Repercussions of the internet use policy include:

First offense: verbal warning

Second offense: written notification

Third offense: loss of public computer privileges for 6 days

Fourth offense: permanent loss of public computer use

While accessing the Internet at the Library, users must comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws. Users may not attempt in any way to alter, damage, or sabotage computer hardware or software (practices known as hacking) and will be financially responsible for any malicious damage to hardware or software. The Library is not liable for any damage to a customer's storage device or computer that may occur from use of the Internet at the Library; nor is the Library responsible for any liability that may occur as a result of the disclosure of financial or other personal information while accessing the Internet at the Library.

Internet use is offered in sixty (60) minute sessions on a first-come, first-served basis; each user is allowed one session--if there is no patron waiting for the service at the end of a session, the user can have another session.