

LOUISE ADELIA READ MEMORIAL LIBRARY INTERNET POLICY Sept. 12, 2024

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the goal of the Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library to enhance its collection and reference services (in size, depth and currency) by providing information beyond the confines of existing local collections. The Internet allows access to information, ideas and commentary from around the globe which can be personally, professionally, and culturally enriching to individuals of all ages.

LIBRARY COMPUTER USAGE POLICY

1. All users must sign in at the circulation desk. A library card is not required to use a library computer, although patrons owing excessive fines can be denied access at the discretion of the staff until accounts are cleared.
2. Internet time is available in blocks of 30 minutes. Depending on demand, users may be limited to one hour per day. Only two persons are allowed at a computer at one time. Printers are available at a cost of \$.25 per page.
3. The Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library does not monitor and has no control over the information on the Internet. The Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library assumes no responsibility for any loss or damages, direct or indirect, arising from its connections to the Internet or from any other use of its personal computing resources.
4. As with all library resources, patrons are advised to exercise their own critical judgment and discrimination when evaluating sites found on the Internet. Certain information may be inaccurate, misleading or offensive to some individuals.
5. Internet users must respect the privacy and sensibilities of others. The Library is committed to providing an environment free from sexual harassment for both patrons and staff. Therefore, display or printing of sexually explicit or pornographic images inappropriate for a public environment is prohibited. Library staff reserve the right to view screen contents at any time during patron Internet sessions, and patrons may be denied access at any time if a Library staff member feels there is just cause.
6. Unauthorized access, including so-called hacking, and any other unlawful activities by any Library users are strictly prohibited.

WIRELESS INTERNET

The Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library provides wireless access, enabling individuals to use their privately owned computer equipment to access the Internet. Visitors who wish to use The Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library wireless connectivity are not required to meet borrower eligibility criteria.

By choosing to use this free, unsecured, and unfiltered wireless service you agree to abide by the Library's Internet Policy that prohibits abusive or illegal activity while using the Library's Internet service.

Information passing through the Library's wireless access is not secured and could be monitored, captured, or altered by others. There are risks involved with connecting to a public wireless connection, such as possible viruses, malware, loss of data, possible hacking/snooping by others connected, possible hardware/software failure. It is your sole responsibility to protect your information and hardware from all risks associated with using the Internet, including any damage, loss, or theft that may occur as a result of your use of the Library's wireless access.

CHILDREN, PARENTS AND THE INTERNET

1. Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library cannot act "in loco parentis." Parents or legal guardians, not the library or its staff are responsible for the Internet information selected or accessed by their children. The library requires that a parent or guardian be present for a child under the age of 12 to use library computers to access the Internet.
2. To comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act and restrict access to online content that may be considered harmful to minors or offensive to adults, the Louise Adelia Read Memorial Library employs technology protection measures (filters) on all library computers with Internet access. Users must be

cautioned that filters are not foolproof and due to technological limitations cannot obstruct access to all potentially harmful or offensive content. In addition, filters may block access to some legitimate or constitutionally protected material found on the Internet. By law, individuals who have attained the age of 17 have the right to unfiltered Internet access.

3. To address the issue of the safety and security of minors (individuals who have not attained the age of 17) when using electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications, the Library recommends the following safety guidelines. Minors should:
 - i. Always ask their parents' permission before using their full name, address, telephone number, or school name anywhere on the Internet;
 - ii. Always tell their parents or another adult they trust if they see something online that is frightening or that they do not understand;
 - iii. Never respond to messages that make them feel uncomfortable or uneasy;
 - iv. Never give out a credit card number or password online without parental approval, and
 - v. Never arrange to meet in person someone they have met online unless they discuss it with their parents and an adult accompanies them.

SUMMARY:

All patrons must abide by the Library's Rules of Conduct and are expected to use Internet and/or personal computing resources in a responsible and orderly manner. Failure to comply with the policies and regulations that govern the use of the Library's Internet access and personal computing resources may result in immediate suspension of library privileges and, where necessary, civil liability and/or criminal prosecution. The following are prohibited:

1. Damaging equipment, software, or data;
2. Violating system security;
3. Violating any legal agreement (e.g., software licenses);
4. Violating any federal, state or local law (e.g., copyright, child pornography);
5. Using personal software on Library equipment, and
6. Engaging in activities that may be judged as disruptive by Library staff or patrons.

User responsibilities are not limited to the above and may be subject to change.