

Internet Policy

Patron Code of Conduct & Rules

❖ Mission Statement

It is the goal of the Kinney Memorial Library to enhance their collections (in size, depth, and currency) and reference services 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.

❖ Filtering and Monitoring Policy

Kinney Memorial Library does not use filtering software and therefore, patrons have access to material that fall outside the scope of many library collection development policies including some material patrons may consider offensive. "The interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights entitled Access to Information Services, and Networks, calls for free and unfettered access to the Internet for any library user, regardless of age. The Resolution on the use of filtering software in Libraries and the statement on Library use of filtering software reiterate the US Supreme Court's declaration in *Reno v. American Civil Liberties Union* that the Internet is a forum of free expression deserving full constitutional protection. The Resolution and Statement condemn as a violation of the Library Bill of Rights, any use of filtering software by libraries that blocks access to constitutionally protected speech. (American Library Association)

Be advised that not ALL sites provide accurate, complete, or current information, and sites often change rapidly or unpredictably. If any patron believes that information obtained via library terminals is inaccurate or offensive, he/she should contact the original producer or source of the information.

The Kinney Memorial Library, as a member of the Four County Library System, does not monitor or have control over materials obtained on the Internet, and cannot be held responsible for its content. Individuals must accept responsibility for determining the suitability and accuracy of content found during their internet searches.

❖ Access by Minors

Parents or legal guardians **MUST** assume responsibility for deciding what library resources are appropriate for their own children. Supervision or restriction of a child's access to the internet, as with other library resources, is the sole responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. The Library will not assume "in loco parentis" status.

❖ Patron Code of Conduct

➤ Users Must:

- Agree to the Kinney Memorial Library's Internet Rules and Patron Code of Conduct each time access is granted.
- Be considerate at all times during internet use.
- Use internet resources in a responsible manner, consistent with education and informational purposes.
- Respect the privacy of others, and not misrepresent themselves by e-mail, address, password, or signature.
- Remember that the internet is not a secure medium. Third parties may obtain information regarding users' activities. For your safety, do not use your name, address, or telephone number.

*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.

*Internet Rules

❖ Users Must:

- Sign a waiver indicating that they have received and understand the Kinney Memorial Library's Internet Rules and Patron Code of Conduct. Failure to sign a waiver will result in denial of internet.

- Sign up at the circulating desk by presenting a valid Four County Library card in order to gain access to our internet services. Visitors to our area must present some form of identification to gain access. (I.e.; drivers license, college ID, or the like)
- Realize that homework is a priority over games & e-mail.
- Be at least 12 years of age to use the Library's internet services. (Legal proof of age may be requested.) Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Young children may be required to work with a parent or guardian on the computer.
- Not send, receive, display, or print inappropriate materials defined as text or graphics which may be reasonably construed as obscene.
- Not engage in any activity that is illegal, harassing, or defamatory.
- Not make any attempt to damage library computer hardware or alter configurations in any way.
- Not use copyrighted material without permission.
- Not be involved in computer "hacking" of any kind.
- Not distribute unsolicited advertising.
- Not download any information to a library computer hard drive, or use personal software.
- Pay .15 per printed page with black ink only.

Failure to comply with all of the above will result in a loss of internet privileges.

Internet / Computer Use Permission

Name: (please print) _____
Last First

Date of Birth (legal proof of age may be requested) _____

Library Card # _____ Today's Date _____

My signature below acknowledge that I have received and fully understand the Kinney Memorial Library Internet Rules.

Signature

Initial By Librarian

Signature of parent or guardian