



Larsen-Sant Library Internet and Computer Use Policy

The Franklin County Library District develops collections, resources, and services that meet the cultural, informational, recreational, and educational needs of the Franklin County community in a timely and accurate manner. The Franklin County Library district does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet. We cannot be held responsible for its content. Library users access the Internet at their own discretion and they are solely responsible for any access points they reach. As with other library materials, supervision or restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian, not the staff of the library. Parents are advised to supervise their children's Internet sessions. The Library will treat information accessed on the computers as confidential. Requests for disclosure of information will be honored only when required by local, state or federal law. (Idaho Code 9-340).

INTERNET TRAVELER'S ADVISORY

Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, or current information. Users need to be a good information consumers, questioning the validity of the information found. Users of electronic systems should be further aware that they cannot be secured and are vulnerable to unauthorized access and modification.

COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Material obtained or copied on this computer network is subject to copyright laws which govern the making of reproductions of copyrighted works. A work protected by copyright may not be copied without permission of the copyright owner unless the proposed use falls within the definition of "Fair Use". Violations of the copyright law or licensing agreements may subject you to an action for damages and/or an injunction.

Students researching topics for school should be sure to note addresses and network sites for citation in bibliographies.

PROCEDURES FOR USING THE INTERNET AND COMPUTERS

1. You will need a CURRENT FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT (LARSEN-SANT LIBRARY) LIBRARY CARD, FREE FROM FINES AND OVERDUE BOOKS. A computer and Internet usage agreement must be signed. Patrons under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian sign for them in person in front of a library staff member. Patrons will sign in at the desk for each computer session. Adult visitors from out of town, may use the computers as a GUEST by leaving their driver's license at the check-out desk during the computer session.

2. The Internet computers will be available during regular library hours. Staff assistance is limited.

3. Use of the computers is on a first-come-first-serve basis. A time limit of one hour per person per day is in effect. Time management software is installed on all patron computers that allows 60 minutes per session. Time may be extended if deemed necessary by library staff members. Patrons using the computers to play games are limited to 30 minutes each day if other patrons are waiting to access the computers.

4. The library's computers may not be used for commercial purposes.

5. Accessing, uploading, downloading or distributing pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials is not allowed. This may cause a “hostile” environment: for patrons and employees. It is prohibited by law as materials harmful or inappropriate especially for minors. Obscenity will be determined according to Supreme Court ruling using a three-part test. To be obscene, (1) the average person, applying contemporary community standards must find that the work, taken as whole, appeals to prurient interests. (2) The work must depict or describe, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct a specified in the applicable statutes, and (3) the work taken as a whole must lack serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

Child Pornography may be determined using a slightly less rigorous test. To be child pornography, the work must involve depictions of sexual conduct specified in the applicable statutes and use images of children below a specified age.

Materials “harmful to minors” include descriptions or representations of nudity, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement that appeal to the prurient, shameful or morbid interest of minors, are patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable material for minors and lack serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors.

If these images appear on the screen of the workstation you are using, the Library Director, or the staff person in charge at the time will terminate your computer privileges.

6. If you need to send an e-mail, please set up a private account with a free e-mail service (hotmail.com or yahoo.com). You are not allowed to use the library’s e-mail account.

7. You may NOT use your own software programs on any of the Franklin County Library Districts computer. We have received viruses in the past.

8. If you wish to save files, you can purchase a flash drive from the library at a minimal charge.

9. The Franklin County Library District is not responsible for damage to a patron’s disk or computer, or for any loss of data, that may occur from patron use of the library’s computers.

10. It is not acceptable to use Internet access for any purpose which violates U.S. state, or local laws, to transmit threatening, obscene, or harassing materials, or to interfere with or disrupt network users, services or equipment. Disruptions include, but are not limited to: Distribution of unsolicited advertising, hacking, propagation of computer worms and viruses, and using the network to make unauthorized entry to any other machine accessible via the network.

11. Violators of this policy may lose computer privileges, and possibly their library privileges. Illegal acts involving Library computing resources may also be subject to prosecution by local, state, and federal authorities.

12. Anyone making changes to any of the software or hardware settings may lose their computer privileges permanently.

13. The Franklin County Library District has placed the public access computers on work carrels. Please keep in mind that these carrels do not offer the users much privacy and that other persons may be able to see what you are doing. Users are not allowed to harass or intimidate other users by watching over their shoulders to view what others are doing on the computers.

14. The only cost to use the library’s computers is for a printout. Black and white printouts are ten cents per page. Color printouts are seventy-five cents per page. Prompt payment will be expected at the time the materials are printed. Personal earbuds are available for purchase from the library for .99.

15. The library reserves the right to limit the number of patrons using a single computer at one time. If more than one person is using the computer, each person must be signed in and have an Internet and Computer Use Agreement.

SUPERVISING CHILDREN’S USE

The public library, unlike schools, does not serve *in loco parentis* (in place of a parent). Librarians cannot act in the place of parents in providing constant care and supervision of children as they explore the internet. The responsibility for what minors read or view on the internet rests with parents or guardians.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

All patrons who wish to use the Library’s computer equipment are required to sign and date the following “Limitation of Liability”.

Limitation of Liability

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read and understands the Franklin County Library District Computer and Internet Use Policy. The undersigned further acknowledges and agrees that the Franklin County Library District assumes no liability for any loss or damage to the user’s data or for any damage or injury arising from invasion of privacy in the user’s computer accounts, programs, or files.

If I am also applying for Franklin County Library District computer use privileges on behalf of a minor or minors, I hereby assume responsibility for their Internet and computer use. Please list the names of minor children.

Printed Name

Signature

Date