

Internet Use Agreement

I have read and understand the Responsibilities of Users and will abide by them. I further understand that any violation of the Responsibilities is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. I also understand that the library system has the right to monitor my use of the Internet for evidence of non-compliance with the terms of this agreement, should the library system believe a violation has occurred. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked for up to two years and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

I recognize it is impossible for the Metropolitan Library System to restrict access to all controversial materials, and I will not hold the Metropolitan Library Commission and/or the library system staff responsible for materials acquired on the Internet.

Disclaimer and Children's Use of the Internet

The Internet is an unregulated medium. It offers access to a wealth of material that is personally, professionally and culturally enriching. It also enables access to some material that may be offensive, disturbing and/or illegal. The Metropolitan Library Commission and/or the library system staff assume no responsibility whatsoever for use of the Internet by library customers of any age, including minor children under age 18. Individual users and parents of minor children must accept responsibility for their own use and their children's use of the Internet through library system's connection.

Responsibilities of Internet Users

Legal and Ethical Use

Access to the Internet must be for legal purposes only. Examples of illegal purposes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Engaging in any activity which is deliberately and maliciously offensive, libelous or slanderous; or represent yourself as another person for purposes of fraud or other illegal activity.
- Harassment of other staff and other users.
- Destruction of or damage to equipment, software or data belonging to the library system.
- Installation or downloading of software or files from the library system's computer, the Internet or personal software.
- Unauthorized copying of copyright-protected material.
- Use of library system workstations for viewing obscene material as determined by Oklahoma State Statute, Title 21 Chapter 39. (Statute I-lib.).

Use of the Internet shall be in accordance with the library system's ethical standards. Examples of unacceptable use some of which may also have legal consequences include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Violation of computer system security. Users may not make any attempt to alter software configurations.

- Violation of software license agreements.
- Violation of network usage policies and regulations
- Creation of a hostile environment for staff and other users.

Regulations for Use

- Time limit for your first session each day is 60 minutes with unlimited 30 minute extensions if no other customers are waiting. When customers are waiting and you want additional time you must sign up for another session.
- Adults and students will have filtered Internet access.
Please note: No filter is 100% effective and may block access to some legal, valuable sites while allowing access to some inappropriate ones.
- Staff can provide limited assistance. Also, volunteer coaches are frequently available to tutor new users. Classes explaining the library's Internet services are also offered. Though not hands on, the class is recommended for new users. Class schedules are posted in the libraries.
- Library cards are not transferable: use only your own card for Internet access.

Downloading

You may download to your own pre-formatted diskette or USB device (the library is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal disks or USB device).

Printing

A laser printer, located near the Internet computers, is available for your use. Black and white printing is 10 cents per page. Color printing is 50 cents per page. Payment is made and jobs are released at the Print Release Station located next to the printer.

Violations

Violators may lose Internet access privileges for up to two years, and will be dealt with in serious and appropriate manner. Customers whose Internet privileges have been revoked will be given the opportunity to participate in a due process review of the library's decision. Both the library customer and the library may choose to have legal counsel present, and witnesses to the specific incidents cited may be called.

In addition, illegal acts involving library system computer access to the Internet may also be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.