

**LYON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM  
INTERNET SERVICE AND COMPUTER USE POLICY**

Computer users at the Lyon County Library System agree to responsible use of the programs and equipment. This includes:

- \* Refraining from illegal and unethical use of the Internet.
- \* Respecting intellectual property by only downloading or transferring information or computer files with proper permission and only to a personal diskette.
- \* Respecting the privacy of others; avoiding activities which may be disruptive to others.
- \* Not altering, removing, or damaging configurations, software or hardware on Library computers.
- \* Not installing any software on any Library computer.
- \* Not representing themselves as Library employees to others nor attempting to gain unauthorized access to the system.
- \* Not using Lyon County Library System computers to create, transmit, print or otherwise distribute: pornographic, obscene or sexually explicit materials, as well as racist, sexist or homophobic materials.
- \* Paying five cents a page for any material retrieved from the Internet or other electronic resources.

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**INTERNET SERVICE**

1. The Internet is a connection or network of global networks. The Internet is an **unregulated** medium and is not controlled by any single authority.
2. Internet service is provided at all branches of the Lyon County Library System.
3. Internet workstations are set up for patrons' research, educational and informational needs.
4. The Library System offers unfiltered access to the Internet for all Library patrons and will not support any commercial activities.
5. The Library subscribes to the principles of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and, therefore, endorses the American Library Association's Bill of Rights and "Access to Information, Services, and Networks: an Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights."
6. Any patron who violates federal, state or local laws or ordinances will have his or her Internet access terminated.

**Time Restrictions and Registration**

1. An initial thirty (30) minute session limit will be imposed on an individual's Internet access. If no one else needs to use the workstation after the initial 30-minute session limit, the user may continue his or her work.
2. The Library staff will assist patrons in accessing the Internet but it is up to the patron to navigate the browsers.
3. Anyone wishing to use the Internet workstation must register at the circulation desk so that staff can monitor session time.

**Access By Minors**

1. A minor who wants to access the Internet should be supervised or guided by his or her parent or guardian. The Library staff encourages parents/guardians to take an active role in their child's use of the Internet and establishing what limits are appropriate for their family.
2. The Library staff will not be responsible for monitoring or controlling what any patron is accessing or viewing. Restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

**Internet Disclaimer and Users Responsibility**

Materials found on the Internet may be misleading, inaccurate, outdated, controversial, distasteful, offensive or inappropriate. As with print materials, the user should critically analyze the information found on the Internet. The Library has no control over the state of the Internet and to the sites contained on it. Due to the extremely dynamic nature of the Internet, the Library cannot have complete knowledge of what is posted on the Internet.

The Library does not monitor, nor have any control over, the information accessed through the Internet. Material and information received from the Internet should be evaluated, as would information from any other source. Users are encouraged to take advantage of the Internet and exercise good judgment and discretion.

**VIRUSES**

1. Patrons should be aware that computer viruses and other programs, which may damage hardware or software, may be transferred from system to system throughout network connections such as the Internet or through electronic media such as tapes or disks.
2. The Library is not responsible for any damage caused to a patron's computer equipment (hardware or software) or property through contact with the Library's Internet stations or electronic resources. Users are strongly urged to install virus-checking software on their home computers.

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