

Oscar Foss Memorial Library Internet Use Policy

The Oscar Foss Memorial Library is providing access to the Internet as a means to enhance the information and learning opportunities for library patrons and visitors. The Board of Trustees has established the Internet use policy to ensure appropriate and effective use of this resource.

Access to the Internet is available to all patrons; however, this service may be restricted at any time for use not consistent with the guidelines. Parents of minor children must assume responsibility for their children's use of the library's Internet service; prior to being granted access to the Internet, anyone under 16 years of age, along with a parent or guardian, must sign the Internet Use Agreement. All users must sign the log-in chart with their initials prior to beginning their session.

Expectations:

Users should be aware that the inappropriate use of electronic information resources can be a violation of local, state, and federal laws and can lead to prosecution. The user will be held responsible for his/her actions using the Internet. Users are expected to abide by the policies below which include generally accepted rules of network etiquette. Unacceptable uses of the service will result in the suspension or revocation of Internet use privileges.

Warnings:

The Internet is a decentralized, un-moderated global network; the Oscar Foss Memorial Library has no control over the content found there. The computer will not censor access to material nor protect users from offensive information, and the library is not responsible for the availability and accuracy of information found on the Internet.

The library cannot assure that data or files downloaded by users are virus-free. The library is not responsible for damages to equipment or data on a user's personal computer from the use of data downloaded from the library's Internet service.

The use of the Internet and e-mail is not guaranteed to be private.

Guidelines:

- Users may use the Internet for research and the acquisition of information to address their educational, vocational, cultural, and recreational needs.
- Users may use the Internet for the receipt and transmission of electronic mail (e-mail) as long as they use a free e-mail service which will establish and maintain an account for them; the library is unable to manage e-mail accounts for any organizations or individuals.
- Internet use is offered in (1) hour sessions on a first-come, first-served basis; each user is allowed one session--if there is no patron waiting for the service at the end of a session, the user can have another session, but once having had the service for (1) hour the user must abandon use of the Internet if another patron requests use of the service.

- Users will respect and uphold copyright laws and all other applicable laws and regulations; they will not use it for illegal purposes.
- Users will refrain from sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics which may be reasonably construed as obscene. *The library reserves the right to ask users to immediately shut down the computer if there are computer images displayed which are inappropriate for public viewing.*
- Users will respect the rights and privacy of others by not accessing private files.
- Users agree not to incur any costs for the library through their use of the Internet service.
- Users shall not create and/or distribute computer viruses over the Internet.
- Users shall not deliberately or willfully cause damage to computer equipment, programs, or parameters.

I am 16 years of age and I understand and agree to the above policy.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Minors (if applicable)

I have read the policy above and give permission for my child,
_____, to use the Internet on the library-owned computers at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. I understand that the library computers are not filtered and the library takes no responsibility for websites that my child may access. Staff of the Oscar Foss Memorial Library cannot be responsible for supervising minors while they are using the Internet workstation. Parents and other guardians of minor children are encouraged to learn about the many benefits and potential problems that may arise as a result of Internet access and discuss them with their children. I understand this permission slip will be kept on the patron's computer file so that my child can use the Internet until I ask the permission slip to be removed.

Adult Name (or Parent/guardian name) (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____