

BURLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

COMPUTER AND INTERNET USER POLICY AND AGREEMENT

Public access to the Internet and online services have become an integral part of the Burley Public Library's programs and services. The intent of this policy is to meet the provisions of Idaho Code § 33-2741, as well as to provide guidelines for patrons and staff regarding Internet access and online computer use.

Developed under the direction of the Library Board of the Burley Public Library, this Computer and Internet User Policy and Agreement ("Internet Access Policy") was discussed and adopted during an open meeting of the Library Board on September 25, 2012, and is effective as of October 1, 2012. This policy shall be reviewed by the Burley Public Library Board at least every three years.

The Burley Public Library's Internet Access Policy complies with Idaho Code § 33-2741 PUBLIC LIBRARY – INTERNET USE POLICY REQUIRED.

General Internet Access:

The Burley Public Library uses Internet filtering software on all publicly accessible computers with Internet access. The software protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography, as defined in Idaho Code § 33-2741, and is enforced to provide Internet safety during any use of a computer.

An authorized library representative, with the permission of the Library Director, may disable the filtering software at the request of a patron to enable Internet access for lawful purposes.

In addition, as allowed by Idaho Code § 33-2741(2), Library policy limits Library Computer and Internet access as follows:

1. Patrons without a current library card shall be limited to use of a designated computer for one twenty-minute session each day; patrons with a current library card shall be limited to one sixty-minute session each day. Wireless users are not subject to the time limitations.
2. Use shall not be allowed if the patron is not current on Library fees, charges, and fines.
3. Patrons shall not use a Library computer to participate in chat rooms.
4. Email use shall be limited to accessing the patron's own email account.

5. Users may not create files or folders, other than temporary internet files, on the Library's computer server or data memory system or otherwise attempt to access or modify existing computer files.
6. Users shall not download any music, movies, or other copyrighted material.
7. Users shall not install any program on Library computers or use Library computers to copy programs.
8. All use of the Library's computer must comply with state and federal laws and regulations.
9. Prior to using a Library computer, the user must provide their name, address, and, if applicable, library card number. Users without a library card shall obtain a "guest pass" from a librarian prior to using a Library computer.

Internet Access by Minors:

In addition to the Burley Public Library's general Internet access policies, when a computer is used by a minor, the Library enforces Internet filtering software that protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or that are harmful to minors, as defined in Idaho Code § 33-2741.

A notice of the availability of this Policy is posted in a conspicuous place within the library.

The Library Board has established procedures and guidelines to handle complaints about this policy and to assist library staff in enforcing this policy. A notice of the availability of those procedures will be posted for public review, and will be made readily available to all staff members. Library staff will adhere to those procedures and guidelines in order to enforce the requirements of Idaho Code § 33-2741.

Violation of this policy will result in suspension of the User's computer privileges and may also result in revocation of Library usage privileges.

The effective date of the last review of this policy is September 25, 2012.