

Huron Public Library Internet Use Policy



The Huron Public Library provides Internet access for research and educational purposes.

1. SCOPE OF INTERNET ACCESS

It is the goal of the Library to provide the greatest possible access to the Internet within the limits of available resources. The Internet offers access to a wealth of information that can be personally, professionally, and culturally enriching.

2. INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

A. CONTENT

The Library recognizes the right of individuals to determine what is most appropriate for their needs. Users should be aware that information accessed via the Internet might be controversial, inaccurate, or dated. Because the Internet is a vast and unregulated information network, it also enables access to ideas, information, images, and commentary beyond the confines of the Library's collection, mission, selection criteria, and collection development policies. Because of this access and because sites on the Internet change often, rapidly, and unpredictably, the Library cannot protect users from information and images, which they might find offensive or disturbing.

B. CHILDREN'S USE OF THE INTERNET

As with other library materials and services, parents or legal guardians are responsible for the information selected or accessed by children. Internet workstations specifically configured for use by children may limit or prevent access to specific Internet sites. The Library provides Internet workstations for children equipped with filtering/blocking technology. Children ages 0-12 are limited to using these filtered Internet computers. However, the library recognizes that filtering/blocking technology is not perfect and may not be a completely reliable means of protection from materials that may be offensive, controversial, or illegal. Parents or legal guardians are ultimately responsible for their child's use of the Internet.

3. INTERNET USE

A. LIBRARY RULES

The same principles that guide the use of other library resources apply to the use of the Internet. The Library expects customers to use the Internet in a responsible manner respecting the rights of others and Library rules of behavior. The Library does not condone the use of library equipment to access material that is obscene, features child pornography, or is harmful to minors. Use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and unacceptable use will result in suspension or cancellation of the privilege.

B. UNACCEPTABLE USE

1. Degrade or disrupt equipment or system performance
2. Vandalize the data of any other user
3. Gain unauthorized access to resources or entities
4. Invade the privacy of individuals
5. Violate Federal, State, or local law regulations (e.g., SDCL 43-43B-1 through 8, Unlawful Uses of Computer)
6. Engage in any activity that is deliberately offensive or creates an intimidating or hostile environment.

C. WARNING TO THE INTERNET USER:

Please be aware that the Huron Public Library is a public place. Displaying sexually suggestive objects or pictures may be a violation of the City of Huron Public Safety and Morals (9.40.030 Obscene Literature Defined) or a violation of the State and Federal Obscenity laws (South Dakota Statutes, Section 22-24-1 to 22-24-37; Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252.)

2. LIMITATIONS

A. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF USE

Locations may place time, printing, and downloading limits depending on the volume of use or other conditions.

B. ASSISTANCE/TRAINING

Staff is available to introduce Internet access and provide initial instructions on its use. To ensure the equitable delivery of all library services, the amount of time staff has available to provide Internet instruction is limited.

3. LIABILITY

The Huron Public Library assumes no responsibility for any damage, direct or indirect, that users or anyone else may suffer through Library access to the Internet.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This Public Internet Use Policy is posted adjacent to computer workstations used by customers to access the Internet and other library databases. Users must sign an agreement prior to using the Internet indicating they understand and agree to abide by this policy.

WI-FI Policy

The Huron Public Library ("The Library") allows personal devices and computers to access the internet via a wireless network throughout the entire building, which is incorporated by reference herein.

1. Persons using the wireless connection ("Wi-Fi") agree to follow the current Huron Public Library Internet Policy, which is incorporated by reference herein.
2. Wireless access is provided as a public service free of charge on an as-is basis with no guarantee and no warranty. The library's Wireless network is subject to periodic maintenance and unforeseen downtime. At its sole discretion, the library may terminate this public service at any time without prior notice.
3. The Library's wireless connection is unencrypted and unfiltered. Use of the wireless connection is done at the patron's own risk. By using this connection, patrons acknowledge that security errors and hacking are an inherent risk associated with any wireless service. For that reason, patrons expressly agree that they knowingly assume such risk, and further agree to hold the Library harmless from any claim or loss arising out of, or related to, any such instance of hacking or other unauthorized use or access into the patron's computer.
4. The Library accepts no responsibility for any software downloaded and/or installed, email opened, or sites accessed while patrons are on the wireless internet connection. Users should have up-to-date virus protection on their laptop computers or wireless devices. Any damage done to the patron's equipment or self from viruses, identity theft, spyware, plug-ins, or other Internet-borne programs is the sole responsibility of the patron; and the patron indemnifies and holds harmless the Library from any such damage.
5. The Library accepts no responsibility regarding the ability of patron-owned equipment to connect to the wireless network. The Library is not responsible for any changes you make to your computer's settings.
6. Unauthorized downloading of copyrighted material(s) is strictly forbidden and will result in suspension or revocation of Library privileges and may result in a formal notification to the appropriate local law enforcement officials.

Internet Use Agreement

We are happy to provide Internet access to you and want to remind you of your responsibility.

INTERNET USE

The same principles that guide the use of other library resources apply to the use of the Internet AND Wi-Fi services. The Library expects customers to use the Internet in a responsible manner respecting the rights of others and Library *"Rules of Conduct"*. The Library does not condone the use of library equipment to access material that is obscene, features child pornography, or is harmful to minors. Unacceptable use will result in suspension or cancellation of the privilege.

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By clicking the accept button, you agree to abide by this policy.

NOTE: Patrons will have to click on the submit button on this splash page before they can progress to actual internet access.