Isabelle Hunt Memorial
Public Library
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Public Computer/Internet
Acceptable Use Policy

In accordance with the mission of the Isabelle Hunt Memorial Public Library ("Library"), free public access to the Internet via public access computers and wireless service is provided. Access to the Internet is provided as an integral part of the Library's research, education, and information services, and the Library upholds and affirms the right of all to have access to constitutionally protected materials. The Library has no control over information accessed through the Internet, some of which may be inaccurate, incomplete, dated or offensive to some individuals. All patrons are expected to use the Internet in a manner consistent with these purposes and with respect and consideration of other library users.

The Library *Public Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Policy* relating to preventing minors from gaining access to visual depictions that are child pornography, harmful to minors, or obscene: The Library is fully aware of and concerned for a safe educational Internet experience for children despite the unregulated nature of the Internet. ARS §34-501 and ARS §34-502 (Computer Access Harmful to Minors) required public libraries to adopt policies to prevent minors from gaining access to Internet sites containing content harmful to minors. The Library provides filtered access to the Internet for its patrons in order to adhere to the requirements set forth in the Arizona Revised Statues and the Federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Because filtering software is inherently imperfect, although the Library strives to appropriately filter Internet content, the Library cannot guarantee that all Internet content will be appropriately filtered at all times. Pursuant to ARS §34-502(c) adult library patrons may request unfiltered Internet access for research or other lawful purposes. Such request should be directed to staff and may require up to 24 hours advance notice. Disabling the Internet filter in no way exempts the requesting patron from ARS §13-3507 which criminalizes the "public display of explicit sexual material." ARS §13-3501, ARS §13-3502, ARS §13-3506, ARS §35-501, and ARS §34-502 are available by staff.

The parent/legal guardian, not the library or its staff, are responsible for Internet information selected and/or accessed by their children. It is recommended that parents monitor their child's Internet use in the library, whether using the library's public computers or their own laptops. Because there is not an age requirement for using PCs in the library, and because no filtering software is 100% effective, parents/legal guardians are advised that objectionable material could still be accessible. Unaccompanied children are to use computers 1, 2 or 3 when using the public computers. A child accessing an inappropriate site will be removed from the computer and their parent/legal guardian will be notified. For information on child online safety, go to http://www.safekids.com.

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Internet and Public Use users may not:
- Use the network to make unauthorized entry into other computational, informational or communication services or resources.
- Distribute unsolicited advertising.
- Represent themselves as another person, real or imagined.
- Transmit or display threatening, obscene, harassing, libelous or slanderous materials.
- Invade the privacy of others.
- Use the Internet or Public Use computers for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other rights of third parties. Library users are responsible for any consequences of copyright infringement.
- Destroy or damage equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library or other users. (ARS §13-2316)
- Use of Internet for activity that violates Arizona law. This includes: engaging in activities that are harmful to minors when children are present, as defined in ARS §13-3501, 13-3506, 13-3507 and committing telecommunications fraud as defined in ARS §13-3207.

It is unacceptable to misuse library computers. User behavior which causes disruption will result in being asked to leave the library. Privileges on the public computers may be revoked, suspended, or, in the case of criminal offense, the sheriff being contacted. Any person who has been denied Internet privileges at another Gila County Library for violation of its Internet Use Policy will be denied the privilege at Isabelle Hunt Memorial Public Library as well.

Users need to be aware that any information you enter onto the Internet may be read by other people. Complete privacy cannot be guaranteed. Users are cautioned that the computers, on which the public can access the Internet, are located in a public area which must be shared by other library users of all ages, backgrounds and sensibilities. Individuals are asked to consider this and to respect others when accessing information and images. Sending credit card numbers, account numbers, your name, address or other information may not be safe. The Library is not responsible for loss of privacy, damages or loss of information caused by use of Internet services. Accessing WEB proxy sites is not permitted. Due to limited bandwidth, access to streaming video and multi-player Role-playing Games (RPG) are prohibited.

The Internet and public computer equipment and software must be used as installed. You may not add, delete, or change anything on library public computers. Patrons may not, under any circumstances, use their own personal software on library public computers. You cannot save anything to library public computers. You may bring a USB/jump drive for the purpose of saving documents. The Isabelle Hunt Memorial Public Library is not responsible for damage to any user's disk, USB/jump drive or private computers, or the loss of data, damage, or liability that may occur from patron downloads from the Internet on the library public computers.

All users must agree to the *Public Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Policy* and must SIGN IN at the front desk prior to using a library public computer. Failure to complete all information on the sign in sheet could forfeit user's time on the library public computer. Once you have signed in, you are responsible for any sites accessed and any infractions that take place during your sign in period. Use of a library public computer will be on a first come, first serve basis. A limit of 60 minutes will be imposed on all library public computers, with a maximum of 3 hours in a single day. Users must agree to make the computer available within 5 minutes of being informed by Library staff that there is a person waiting for a library public computer

All library public computers will be shut down 15 minutes before closing. All work not saved prior to the automatic shutdown of computers will be lost.

Users are responsible for printing costs of 20¢ per page, or as posted, for anything and everything (including mistakes) printed.

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WIRELESS ACCESS

Any person connecting to wireless Internet access within Isabelle Hunt Memorial Public Library must abide by the following guidelines:

- Wireless connections are not secure. Cautious and informed wireless users should not transmit personal information (credit card numbers, passwords and any other sensitive information) while using any wireless "hot spot." Please take appropriate precautions when using this service.

- All wireless users should have up-to-date virus protection on their laptops or other wireless devices. The library is not responsible for any information that is compromised, or for any damage caused to hardware or software due to security issues.

- Electrical outlets are available at the wireless station next to the DVD shelves. Wireless users who do not wish to sit at the wireless station must use their battery backup system on their laptop computer. Use of the library's electrical outlets is prohibited except at the wireless station.

- Wireless users requiring sound must use headphones so as to not disturb others.

- Library printers are not available via the wireless connection.

- Staff will not troubleshoot problems related to your wireless device or assist in making changes to your device's network settings and/or hardware configuration. The Library does not guarantee that your device will work with the wireless access.

Use of the wireless network is entirely at the risk of the user. The library disclaims any and all liability for loss of confidential information or damages resulting from that loss, or any and all damages resulting from use of the wireless network.

It is the responsibility of all persons using the public Internet computers or wireless Internet access to be familiar with this policy. It is further the responsibility of all library staff to adhere to the policy as stated above.

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