Internet Access Policy

The mission of the Bozeman Public Library is to develop and provide resources and services that meet the cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs of our community. To meet this goal, the Library endeavors to provide fair Internet access for all.

The Internet offers access to a multitude of valuable sites, but some may be inaccurate, incomplete, dated, or personally offensive. The Bozeman Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed and cannot be held responsible for its content. Individuals are responsible for the decision to choose either filtered or unfiltered search engines.

As with other Library materials, a child's use of the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or guardian. The Library is pleased to offer links on the <u>children's home page</u> selected specifically for juveniles and <u>teens</u>.

The Bozeman Public Library staff will provide searching assistance and limited software and equipment troubleshooting. The staff also offers educational <u>classes</u> in the use of the Internet. The Library equips monitors with screens to help protect privacy and provides manuals and other materials to assist Internet users.

All users on the Internet stations or the wireless network are expected to use these resources in a legal, responsible, and courteous manner. Any attempt to show obscene material to minors is unlawful in accordance with Montana Code Annotated Section 45-8-201. The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, US Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. All users on the Internet station or the wireless network are liable for infringement. Bozeman Public Library reserves the right to suspend and/or revoke a patron's privilege to use the Internet due to illegal or irresponsible use or Internet Access Policy violation.

The Library is not responsible for any damages resulting from use of the Library's computers or its connection to the Internet, nor can it guarantee privacy of any Internet session. Respect of other users' rights and privacy is expected and appreciated.

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