

Internet Use Policy

General Introductory Statements:

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

Developed under the direction of the Library Board of the Gooding Public Library, this Internet and Online Access Policy was discussed and adopted during an open meeting of the Library Board on September 12, 2012 . This policy supersedes all previous Internet and Online Access Policy statements of the Gooding Public Library and effective on October 1, 2015. As a matter of policy, the Gooding Public Library will abide by all laws governing or regulating Internet use as such legislation relates to library policy or services.

This Policy document will be reviewed by the Gooding Library Board at least every three years.

Legal Requirements: [NOTE: Language in this section meets the requirements under I.C.33-2741.]

The Gooding Public Library's Internet Access Policy complies with Idaho Code 33-2741 Public Library- Internet Use Policy Required.

The Gooding Public Library has in place a policy of *Internet safety for minors, including the operation of a technology protection measure, hereafter called "filtering software," on any publicly accessible computer with Internet access that protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors, as defined in I.C. 33-2741. The filtering software will be enforced to provide Internet safety during any use of a computer by a minor.*

Library policy restricts access to Internet sites that contain visual depictions that are child pornography, harmful to minors or obscene, and may also limit Internet access or otherwise protect against materials other than the materials specified in the Idaho statute. Filtering software will provide Internet safety for all library computers connected to the Internet during the use of a computer by a minor. However, an authorized library representative may disable a technology protection measure at the request of a patron to enable Internet access for lawful purposes.

Please be aware that deciding not to disable filters for patrons for "lawful purposes" may have First Amendment implications.

Implementation Requirements:

A notice of the availability of this policy will be posted in a conspicuous place within the library for all patrons to observe.

The Library Board has established procedures and guidelines to handle complaints about this policy, enforcement of this policy by library staff, and what a patron should do if they observe inappropriate behavior by another library patron. A notice of the availability of these procedures for public review will be posted as well as the policies made readily available to all the staff members. These procedures and guidelines will be adhered to by the library staff to enforce the requirements of Idaho Code 33-2741.

Library Board Chairperson

Library Director

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