

All internet resources accessible through the library are provided equally to all users, with the understanding that it is the individual user's responsibility to demonstrate judgment, respect for others, and appropriate conduct while using public library resources and facilities.

Internet computers will not be used by anyone, including minors, for illegal activity, to access illegal materials or to access materials that by local community standards would be obscene. Library employees are authorized to take prompt and appropriate action to enforce the rules of conduct, and/or to prohibit use by persons who fail to comply with the internet Acceptable Use Policy as stated or implied herein. Parents are responsible for their children's use of the library's resources and facilities. Parents who believe that their children cannot responsibly use the library's internet access are requested to monitor their children's internet use.

- Customers must respect all Internet rules including time limits and must cooperate with others to share the workstations.
- Use workstations with care. Make no attempt to fix problems. Immediately report any problems to Library staff.
- Loaning and/or borrowing a card for Internet access is not allowed and will result in loss of Internet use privileges.
- Depending on the capabilities of the access management program used by the library, every attempt will be made to display the Conditions and terms of use of the Internet on the screen of each Internet workstation and will require acceptance by the user prior to using the workstation.

Software/Hardware

Users may not load their own or any other software on library equipment. This includes, but is not limited to, disks that are checked out, disks in books that may be checked out, and disks in reference materials that must remain in the library. Users are not permitted to store any software or other data on the hard drives of library computers. The library is not responsible for equipment malfunction, loss or damage to user disks and/or “jump or flash” drives, data, or electronic transactions of any type. Internet users must be aware that they are working in a public environment with people of all ages and diverse viewpoints. Users may not engage in any activity that interferes with the ability of other patrons to use the library and its resources.

Access from computers at the library to any network, including the local library network and the Internet is for legal purposes only. Loss of use privileges at the library and criminal and/or civil prosecution are possible for illegal uses of computing resources.

Examples of illegal uses include but are not limited to the following:

- Attempting to bypass the security of the computers or local area network at the library.

- Attempting to bypass the security of any other computer or network including the Internet.
- Attempting to intentionally introduce a “virus” or similar piece of code that may do damage to any data, computer, or networking device.
- Attempting to alter or damage any software, operating systems, or configuration files.
- Attempting to use unauthorized computer accounts, access codes, or network numbers.
- The transmission of speech that is not protected by the First Amendment.
- Violations of another user’s privacy.
- Violations of copyright or other laws.
- The display of pornography to minors.

Electronic information is considered constitutionally protected unless determined otherwise by a court with appropriate jurisdiction. Copyright issues and protection are covered under this statement. All efforts will be made by the library to ensure that the security of the library’s computing resources and network are not breached and the integrity of the data available is not compromised.

Internet Use

Access to the Internet is available without charge to anyone during all open hours. The library filters all public Internet stations. Parents are responsible for providing guidance to their own children. Through special software, the library offers individual choice and parental choice for options for filtered, unfiltered, or no Internet access.

The library currently uses commercial filtering software with an access management system to provide Internet access choices. The library accepts no responsibility for failures of the filtering software to block specific sites.

Any Customer violating the above rules may be asked by Library staff to leave the library property and be denied access to the library for a period of time. Library staff may ask customers to leave for up to two weeks, the Director may ask a customer to leave for up to 3 months, depending upon the nature of the violation. Repeated violations or violations of an egregious nature may result in termination of library privileges.

Wireless Internet Access for Library Users

Free wireless Internet access is provided to the public at Nampa Public Library. Wireless users agree to abide by the Library’s Internet Policy while using the Library’s wireless network. Users are responsible for configuring and maintaining their own equipment.

The Library staff cannot provide technical support nor configure equipment for wireless connectivity. The Library is not responsible for any changes made to an individual computer’s settings and does not guarantee that a user’s hardware will work with the library’s wireless connection.