

**PIONEERLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM  
BOARD POLICY**

<b>Policy:</b> Internet Use Policy	<b>Policy number:</b> <i>TBD</i>
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**Purpose:** It is the policy of the Pioneerland Library System to provide free access to information to users of all ages, while attempting to protect them from unwanted exposure to graphically depicted obscenity and child pornography and to restrict access by minors to materials harmful to minors in compliance with Public Law 106-554, Title XVII.

**Policy:** In order to offer such protection, and to comply with Public Law 106-554, Title XVII, the library has installed a filtering device and software which is intended to block access to possible illegal or inappropriate sites. The user should be aware, however, that no device or software can block every site which contains illegal or inappropriate content, and sites may be blocked that do not contain illegal or inappropriate content. The library does not accept responsibility for these incidents.

Requests for disabling the filtering device and software for purposes of bona fide research or other lawful purposes should be directed to staff. The filtering device and software will be disabled by library staff upon request for users 17 and older. If the user encounters sites that may be illegal, staff should be notified immediately.

Users wishing to access the Internet at a Pioneerland Library System library must agree to comply with the following Rules of Conduct:

1. Internet computers are not be used for illegal activity, to access illegal materials, or to access materials that by local community standards would be obscene.
2. Users will obey copyright laws and licensing agreements.
3. Users will not make any attempt to gain unauthorized access to restricted library or Internet files or networks, or to damage or modify computer equipment or software at the library or at another location by using library connections.
4. Users will not disclose, use, or disseminate personal information regarding minors without written authorization of the parent or legal guardian of the minors involved.
5. Users will not use the Internet to bully or harass individuals.

Library employees are authorized to take prompt and appropriate actions to enforce the Rules of Conduct, which could include prohibiting use by persons who fail to comply with the Internet Safety Policy as stated or implied herein. To preserve their own personal safety, users should avoid disclosing personal information over the Internet. Parents are responsible for their children's use of the library's resources and facilities. Parents are requested to monitor their children's Internet use.

**Access to Internet workstations**

Users must sign up to use the Internet in person or by phone.  
Length of access sessions is determined by library staff.

Users must end their session and leave the terminal when asked to do so by authorized library staff, even if they have not completed their access session.  
Additional daily access sessions may be allowed at the discretion of library staff.

**Use of Internet workstations**

Installation, downloading, or modification of software is prohibited.

No more than two persons may simultaneously use a computer, unless prior arrangements have been made with staff.

By mutual agreement, two persons may share one access session as long as their behavior or conversation does not disturb other users or library staff.

Prompt payment is required by users who incur charges for printing or other authorized fees.  
Users will respect the privacy of other users, and will refrain from attempting to view or read material being used by others.