

INTERNET FAIR USE POLICY

In accordance with the Federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) (Pub. L. 106-554), all library computers are equipped with filtering software. The software is set to screen out sites which may reasonably be construed as obscene, as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code; or child pornography, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; or harmful to minors as defined in section 1703, Pub. L. 106-544. Users 18 years of age and older may request that a staff member disable the filtering software for research purposes by requesting that specific sites be enabled. The software will not be disabled for users 17 and under for any reason.

As with other library resources, restriction of a child's use of the Internet is ultimately the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian, within the confines of the law.

The Library assumes no responsibility for damages, direct, or indirect, for the use of the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, damage to personal or office computer equipment caused by virus-laden material downloaded from any Internet site.

Internet users should be aware that it is not a secure medium. It is possible for third parties to obtain information regarding an individual user's search activities. Users should be very cautious about providing personal information over the Internet.

- 1 Internet access is available to the public under the following guidelines: access is on a first come, first served basis. No single user shall utilize the electronic resources workstations for more than 90 minutes per day. No one will be allowed to start an Internet session within 30 minutes of closing time and all PCs must be vacated 15 minutes prior to the library's stated closing time for that day.
- 2 Violations of computer security, unauthorized altering of software configurations, attempts to damage computer hardware or software using the workstation for illegal or criminal purpose may result in losing Internet and checkout privileges. Illegal acts may be subject to prosecution. It is unlawful for any person knowingly to place explicit sexual material upon public display (Arizona Revised Statute 13-3507). Patrons violating this statute will be told to leave the library and will lose Internet privileges permanently. An additional liability to criminal prosecution exists.
- 3 The Internet provides access to adult materials. Current library policy does not allow our staff to determine what ideas or information may be presented to any patron. The individual user must determine the appropriateness of materials for their needs. A maximum of two people are allowed to use an internet terminal.
- 4 The Cottonwood Public Library disclaims any warranty of the accuracy, timeliness, authoritativeness or usefulness of the materials, and shall have no liability for any direct, indirect or consequential damages related to the use of these materials.
- 5 It is the responsibility of the patron to remove any downloaded personal or sensitive material from the computer before ending the session.
- 6 This policy is based on the following Arizona Revised Statutes:
 - ARS 13-2316
 - ARS 13-3506
 - ARS 13-3707
 - ARS 13--3508