Internet and Computer Access Policy

Leach Public Library

Purpose

The Leach Public Library is committed to providing public access to computers and the internet to meet the informational and recreational needs of its community, as part of the library's mission. Access to digital information is fundamental for supporting continuous lifelong learning. Computer and internet resources are provided equally to all patrons and community members.

Legal Compliance

The Leach Public Library uses internet filtering, provided by the North Dakota state network, to maintain compliance with the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA). The filtering software is designed to prevent access to obscenity, child pornography, and other materials harmful to minors. The software may unintentionally block some sites that have legitimate research value or fail to block some objectionable content.

Liability

While the library provides due diligence for connectivity, access, and security of data, the library accepts no responsibility for:

- Accuracy of information found online
- Issues resulting from loss of connectivity
- Breaches in security
- Breaches of personal data
- Exposure to or infection by malware

The library accepts no responsibility for what patrons' access online. It is the responsibility of the users to follow local, state, and federal laws and regulations, including CIPA and copyright law, while utilizing Leach Public Library computers or internet access. Parents are responsible for monitoring the information and websites their children access online.

Guidelines for Usage

Users are required to sign in to use public internet computers. Registration is used to track the number of monthly computer users; names and dates are not retained. By signing in, users agree to the terms of this library policy. Wireless internet (Wi-Fi) users with their own devices are covered by the terms of this policy, though not required to sign in before accessing the internet.

Usage of public computers may be restricted to one (1) hour if there are patrons waiting to use the computer. Computers, hardware, and software furnished to users are library property, and are available until fifteen (15) minutes before the library closes. Printing is available for a fee.

Leach Public Library staff may not be able to provide in-depth computer assistance, but will answer questions and, as time allows, help users locate and use internet resources, the library's electronic resources, and provide help with personal devices.

Library staff members have final authority regarding propriety of patron conduct. Unacceptable use of public computers and internet access is prohibited and may lead to a verbal warning or even the temporary suspension of computer privileges. Unacceptable use includes, but is not limited to:

- Unauthorized access, including hacking
- Piracy
- Accessing or displaying obscene materials
- Illegal downloading or file sharing of copyrighted materials
- Cyberbullying
- Identity theft
- Listening to audio without headphones
- Installing software on the library computers
- Any behaviors that impair the ability of other patrons in the library
- Damaging or attempting to damage library computer equipment
- Interfering with library systems operations, or security

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