

Davenport Public Library Electronic Resources Use Policy

The Davenport Public Library provides access to a broad range of electronic information. As with printed information, users are encouraged to exercise critical judgment in evaluating the validity of information obtained via the Internet and should be aware that the information found may be incomplete, inaccurate, dated or controversial.

The Library cannot be responsible for the content of the Internet. Because computers are located in public areas of the library, users need to recognize that what is displayed on the monitor is not confidential. Internet images and commentary might go beyond the confines of the library's collection, mission, selection criteria, and collection development policies.

The custodian of records (the Library Director) will release computer use records only under court order or other lawful order related to terrorism or national security. Furthermore, the Board of Trustees will resist the issuance or enforcement of any such process, order or subpoena until such time as proper showing of good cause has been made in a court of competent jurisdiction.

While the Library designates specific computers for use by children and teens, the Library affirms the right and responsibility of parents and legal guardians to determine and monitor their own children's use of library materials and resources.

To ensure access to as many users as possible, the Library may limit the amount of time a customer may use a workstation.

It is a violation of library policy to:

- damage library computers or peripherals through misuse or mistreatment
- misrepresent one's identity when logging on to computers.
- run/Install personal software on library computers.
- modify the set-up or configuration of hardware and software or to download or install software on library computers.
- turn library computers/equipment on or off.
- commit any illegal acts, including, but not limited to:
 - forgery or fraud.
 - libel, slander or any form of harassment.
 - unauthorized access to any computer network.
 - public display of material from sites that may be deemed unlawful under federal or state statutes. It is illegal in the State of Iowa to display obscene material where it could be viewed or seen by a minor. This could include display or printing of pages showing nudity or partial nudity.

The Library reserves the right to end a computer session at any time, for any reason. Violation of these policies may result in loss of access to Library computer resources.

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