Davenport Public Library
Internet and Computer Use Policy

The Library provides computers and internet access to the public in support of The Library's mission. The Internet is an unregulated medium and The Library cannot be responsible for the content of the Internet. As with information in print, patrons 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 assumes no responsibility for information accessed while using the public computers. Library staff will not control or endorse specific information found on public computers. Staff cannot control the availability, accuracy, or currency of information links that may change rapidly and unpredictably. It is the patron's responsibility (or that of the parent/guardian) to determine what is appropriate. Library staff respect the privacy and intellectual freedom of all patrons and will only intervene if content is believed to be illegal or violates Library or City policy. Note that 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 may designate specific computers for use by children and teens. However, The Library affirms the right and responsibility of parents/guardians to determine and monitor their own children's use of library materials and resources. Parents/guardians, not The Library or its staff, are responsible for the information selected and/or accessed by their children.

The Library does not filter Internet content.

To ensure access to as many users as possible, The Library may limit the amount of time a patron may use a computer. Library wireless access is offered through an open, unencrypted network. Patrons are encouraged to be cautious about providing personal information while using an unsecured wireless connection. Because computers are located in public areas of The Library, patrons should recognize that what is displayed on a computer 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 Library will manage access and use of the Internet in a manner consistent with Library policies, including the Behavior Policy, Confidentiality and Privacy Policy, and Unattended Children Policy, available on The Library's website. In particular, it is a violation of 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.

The Library reserves the right to end a computer session. Violation of this policy may result in a warning or loss of Library privileges.