

# **Internet & Online Access Policy**

## **Introduction**

The Richmond Public Library's mission is to bring people, information, and ideas together to enrich lives and build community. In keeping with its role of providing services to meet informational needs, the Richmond Public Library provides access to the Internet.

Public access to the Internet and online services has become an integral part of the Richmond Public Library's programs and services. The intent of this policy is to meet the provisions of Sections 9-7-213, 9-7-215, and 9-7-216 UCA, and Administrative Rule R458-2, as well as provide guidelines for patrons and staff regarding Internet access and online computer usage. It was developed under the direction of the Library Board of the Richmond Public Library. As a matter of policy, the Richmond Public Library will abide by all laws governing or regulating Internet use as such legislation relates to library policy or service.

This Policy document will be reviewed by the Richmond Public Library Board every three years. A copy of the new policy will be sent to the Utah State Library Division as required by Administrative Rule R458-2.

## **Legal Requirements**

The Richmond Public Library's Internet Access Policy complies with Section 9-7-215 Internet and online access policy required, and Section 9-7-216 Process and content standards for policy UCA, as well as reporting procedures established by Utah Administrative Rule R458-2

The Richmond Public Library has in place a policy to ensure Internet safety for all patrons including minors. This includes the operation of a technology protection measure, hereafter called "filtering software," on any publicly accessible computer with Internet access, that protects against access to visual depictions that are pornographic (including child pornography), materials harmful to minors and/or obscene materials. The filtering software will provide Internet safety during any use of a computer by anyone (including a minor).

The Library policy restricts access to Internet sites that contain pornography (including visual depictions that are child pornography), materials harmful to minors, and/or obscene materials, and may also limit Internet access or otherwise protect against materials other than the materials specified in Utah statute. Filtering software will provide Internet safety for all library computers connected to the Internet. The library's wireless network is also filtered. However, an authorized library representative may disable a technology protection measure at the request of an adult patron to enable Internet access for research or other lawful purposes.

The Library Board has approved the use of iBOSS Enterprise 14600 from Phantom Technologies as our filtering software.

The Library Board has disapproved the use of public access Internet computers for online gaming, gambling, and any illegal purposes in an effort to protect patrons and the library against materials other than the materials specified in Utah law.

**Implementation requirements**

A notice of the availability of this Policy will be posted in a conspicuous place within the library for all patrons to observe.

The Library Board has established procedures and guidelines to handle complaints about this policy, enforcement of this policy by library staff, and what a patron should do if they observe inappropriate behavior by another library patron. A notice of the availability of these procedures for public review will be posted, as well as the policies made readily available to all staff members. These procedures and guidelines will be adhered to by library staff to enforce the requirements of Sections 9-7-213, 9-7-215, and 9-7-216 UCA.

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