

Policy for Library Computer & Internet Use and Wireless Access

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Internet access within Red Feather Mountain Library District is an important source of information, education, recreation and communication; it is a telescope upon and towards the larger world. It is an integral part of 21st century public library service.

The Library will provide that level of internet service that meets the needs of District residents within the context and ability of funding, availability, facility and local interest.

The Library will provide both wired and wireless access as is appropriate and available. Every effort will be made to provide (at a minimum) perimeter 24/7 internet access.

Library internet access will comply with federal and Colorado statute regarding the use and right-of-access of this resource. American Library Association (ALA) guidelines have been consulted in the writing of this policy.

Internet safety is an important component of availability. The Library will promote public education regarding online safety issues.

Personal privacy is an important component of Library internet service. Use or access logs that is generated through the network or network equipment is considered confidential and will be only available to authorized law enforcement through appropriate legal channels. Library use of network data will be limited to determining levels of use of the service or as necessary in enhancing and improving the service.

However, use of Library online services entails responsibility on the part of the user, both in discriminating accurate from inaccurate or misleading information, determining insecure from secure sites and uses as well avoiding inappropriate or statutory illegal sites. Parents are expected to determine and monitor the appropriateness of online resources for their children.

Public use of this service is contingent on the orderly, appropriate and approved use of this resource. The Library reserves the right to refuse service through just cause. Conditions of use and the potential termination of use is incorporated within the Computer, Internet and Wireless Use Procedure.

There may be occasions in which internet or computer access is limited or fully unavailable through onsite or offsite conditions.

References

Library & Internet Use and Wireless Access procedure

Internet Safety Policy for Children and Adults

Red Feather Mountain Library District Technology Policy

Guidelines and Considerations for Developing a Public Library Internet Use Policy (ALA)

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