

Internet Safety Policy for Adults and Minors

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Introduction

It is the Internet Safety Policy of Red Feather Lakes Mountain Library District/Red Feather Lakes Community Library to:

Prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications

- a. prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity;
- b. prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors;
- c. comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254 (h)];
- d. comply with the Colorado Revised Statutes 24-90-601 to 24-90-606 (a minor is defined as a person not having reached the age of 17).

Definitions

Key terms are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act and the Colorado Revised Statute 24-90-601.

'Library network' and 'library computer network' is defined as those library-owned devices that are library-installed and intentionally available to the public.

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter library network Internet or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information by children.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Inappropriate Network Usage

Unauthorized and inappropriate library computer network use is prohibited for all ages and all users.

Specifically, to the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Red Feather Lakes Community Library online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes:

- a. unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking' and other unlawful activities; and
- b. unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors..

Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Red Feather Lakes Community Library employed staff to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Library Director or designated representatives.

Subject to staff supervision and in keeping with current Colorado law, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults, or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes. However, in the event that protective measures are lawfully disabled on request, the library does not have facilities to allow for unimpeded private viewing; therefore the use and display of technologically disabled preventive measured materials must be such that inadvertent or occasional viewing by others – including children – cannot be found to be obscene, pornographic or otherwise harmful to minors or adults within the constructs of Colorado statute or the Children's Internet Protection Act. Otherwise, the library may take sufficient action to close or deny use to these sites or machines, or additionally ask the computer operator to leave the facility.

The continuing application of this policy is determined through and within the *Internet Safety Policy for Adults and Minors* procedure document.

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