



Internet Use Policy

It is the mission of the Library to help the residents of the Grossmont Healthcare District access reliable health information. In keeping with its mission, the Library provides users with access to the Internet. Not all information found on the Internet is accurate, up to date, legal or acceptable to all individuals. The Library does not control information found on the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Patrons who use the Internet are responsible for evaluating the validity and appropriateness of the information they access. Patrons are expected to follow this Internet Use Policy as outlined below:

Rights and Responsibilities of Users: The Library strives to balance the rights of patrons to access various types of information resources with the rights of users to work in a public environment free from disruptive sounds and visuals. There are resources on the Internet that are inappropriate for viewing in a public setting. Because the Library is a public place shared by people of all ages, library staff reserves the right to end Internet sessions when material deemed inappropriate or disruptive by library staff is displayed.

Personal Information: Users should share personal information (name, address, password, telephone number, credit card information, etc.) on the Internet with caution. This includes but is not limited to email, instant messaging, online purchasing, social media, and commercial sites. The Library cannot be responsible for security of personal information shared on or with non-Library sites.

Minors Use of Computers: Parents or guardians of minor children are solely responsible for their child's use of the Internet at the Library. Parents are encouraged to explore the Internet with their children as Library computers are not equipped with filters.

Inappropriate Material: Library computers are not equipped with filters. Library users are expected to use good judgment and common sense when accessing online information in a public setting. Because the Library is a public place shared by people of all ages, library staff will not knowingly allow access to obscene or pornographic images and materials. The Library reserves the right to end Internet sessions and/or revoke Internet privileges when inappropriate images or materials deemed inappropriate or disruptive by library staff are displayed; patrons viewing such material will be told to leave the Library. Repeat violations will result in the patron being permanently banned from the Library. All Internet stations may be monitored by staff.

Tech Support: Patrons are expected to use computer workstations without Library staff assistance. Library staff are available to assist with basic Internet searching and technology assistance only and can direct patrons to introductory computer classes available online and other technology support resources.

Illegal activities & downloads: Illegal activities or any other activities that are intended to interfere with or disrupt network users, services, or equipment are prohibited, including engaging in harassing, or defamatory activity online, distribution of unsolicited advertising, propagation of computer worms, hacking, or viruses. Patrons may not download anything from the Internet to the computer workstation hard drive. Patrons may download only to their own removable storage.