

FOSSIL RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE INTERNET

Fossil Ridge Public Library District provides free Internet access on library computers and for portable computers and devices capable of receiving signals through a wireless network. All patrons using the library's internet access are bound by the Library's policies and regulations regarding Internet use in the Library and in compliance with federal law. See *additional policies* regarding wireless access below. Your cooperation is appreciated.

ACCESS AND USE OF THE INTERNET

The Fossil Ridge Public Library District recognizes that electronic information on the Internet may contain material that is inappropriate or offensive to children as well as patrons of all ages. The library requires that patrons using the Internet do so within the guidelines of acceptable use. The following activities are unacceptable:

1. accessing, downloading, or distributing (child) pornography
2. accessing, downloading, or distributing material that may reasonably be construed as obscene, lewd, or indecent
3. use of electronic information for any purpose which results in the harassment of others
4. destruction of, damage to, or unauthorized alteration of the library's computer equipment software, hardware, or network security procedure
5. use of electronic information that in any way violates a Federal or State law
6. use of electronic information in any way which violates licensing and payment agreement between the library and the network/database provider
7. unauthorized duplication of copy protected software or violation of software license agreement, including but not exclusively, any "hacking"
8. violation of system security
9. behaving in a manner that is disruptive to others, including but not limited to overuse of computer equipment which serve to deny access to other users
10. any unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Any patron exposing a minor(s) to such material, whether or not there was intent to do so, may be held criminally or civilly liable for that exposure. The Internet user acknowledges that the library is in no way, either criminally or civilly liable for such exposure.

The Fossil Ridge Public Library District reserves the right to classify any action, access, or operation on the Internet inappropriate and limit its use by patrons.

ACCESS AND USE OF THE INTERNET BY CHILDREN

All access and use restrictions applicable to adults are also applicable to minors. The Library recognizes that the Internet may contain material that is inappropriate for children. Parents have the sole responsibility for their children and are expected to monitor and supervise their children's use of the Internet. Library staff is unable to monitor or supervise children's use of the Internet. Children under 18 need a parental waiver form on file before they can use the Internet. Additionally, children under the age of 13 are required to have an adult with them at the computer terminal while they access the Internet.

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USER'S GUIDE TO THE INTERNET AS A RESOURCE

The Internet is a global collection of computer networks that connects thousand of computers all over the world. The Internet has become an invaluable tool for research, communication, and entertainment. The information available, however, is not produced or endorsed by the Library nor is there any national, state, or local control. The Library does not and can not control the information content. The library encourages patrons to be informed consumers and carefully evaluate information obtained via the Internet. Please keep in mind the following:

1. Information obtained via the Internet may or may not be reliable and may or may not be obtained from a reliable source.
2. Information obtained via the Internet may or may not be accurate.
3. Information obtained via the Internet may or may not be current.
4. Links to information on the Internet may not always be valid, and particular information sites on the Internet may sometimes be unavailable and this unavailability often occurs unpredictably.
5. Information obtained via the Internet may be controversial in nature.

The Fossil Ridge Public Library District is not responsible for damages, indirect or direct, arising from a patron's use of Internet information resources.

PRIVACY ON THE INTERNET

The Fossil Ridge Public Library District will make every effort to allow patrons to privately use the Internet to the extent possible given certain constraints such as proximity to other patrons and staff in a public access setting. However, the library reserves the right to supervise patrons' use of the Internet to reasonably insure compliance with the library Internet policies by all patrons. The library reserves the right to request an explanation or otherwise inquire as to when a patron is found to be accessing material believed to be beyond compliance with library Internet policy

VIOLATION OF THE POLICY

Violation of any aspect of this policy and/or laws of this state and/or Federal statute may result in suspension or revocation of library privileges including Internet access privileges and/or reporting to an appropriate legal authority. See the Fossil Ridge Public Library District Code of Conduct Ordinance 98-4.

LIBRARY PROCEDURES

Procedures include but are not limited to initial sign-up & registration with presentation of valid library card, driver's license, or state identification, time limits, sign-up for usage, cost recovery for copies, restrictions on use of personal software, etc.

WIRELESS NETWORK

Wireless Internet access in the library is governed by the library's Public Access to the Internet Policy.

Persons utilizing the wireless connection agree to comply with all provisions of the current Fossil Ridge Public Library Internet Policy.

The library provides wireless internet access via an open, unsecured wireless network during normal library business hours. Use of the connection is done at the patron's own risk. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that patrons do not use the network to transmit personal, financial or legal data.

Patrons expressly agree that they knowingly assume such risk, and further agree to hold the Library harmless from any claim or loss arising out of, or related to, any such instance of hacking or other unauthorized use or access into the patron's computer.

The Library accepts no responsibility for lost or stolen computers or hardware or any software downloaded and/or installed, email opened, or sites accessed while patrons are on the wireless connection. Any damage done to the patrons' equipment or self from viruses, identity theft, spyware, plugins or other Internet-borne programs is the sole responsibility of the patron.

The library cannot guarantee that a user's hardware will work with the library's wireless connection.

All users are expected to use the library's wireless access in a legal and responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which it is provided. Users should not violate federal, state or local laws, including the transmission or receiving of child pornography or harmful material, fraud, or downloading copyrighted material.

The following policies are in addition to the library's computer and internet usage policies. Actions that are detrimental or inappropriate when accessing the library and internet resources include but are not limited to:

1. The library reserves the right to limit usage of its wireless access.
2. The library does not supply or loan network cards or laptops.
3. Users may not extend or modify the network in any way.
4. Any attempt to break into or gain unauthorized access to any computers or systems from a wireless connection is prohibited.
5. Any effort to circumvent the security systems designed to prevent unauthorized access the library's wireless network may result in the suspension of all access.
6. The library provides access only to web-based email. For Outlook or other email services, you must connect with your own Internet provider.

Any restriction or monitoring of a minor's access to the library's wireless network is the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.