

Montana State Library

Draft - Internet Use Policy - Draft

Purpose

The State Library Commission is given the authority to provide library assistance and information services to state officials and state departments (MCA 22-1-103). To fulfill this responsibility, the State Library offers computers with access to the Internet to its clients so that they may seek information needed for their work.

Disclaimer

In providing free and open access to Internet services, the State Library is not responsible for the content, accuracy, or timeliness of information obtained through the Internet. Users are encouraged to exercise critical judgment in evaluating the validity of information accessed through the Internet. The State Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, losses, or invasions, of privacy, whether direct or indirect, arising from its connection, or use thereof, to the Internet.

Parents are responsible for monitoring their own children's use of the Internet.

Unacceptable use

The State Library reserves the right to suspend or terminate any computer session that constitutes, in the discretion of the Library staff, an unacceptable use of the computer or software in the library setting.

Unacceptable use includes:

- Accessing pornographic, obscene, or child pornography sites
- Copying, modifying, or deleting system program or data files
- Interfering with computer or network access
- Assessing restricted or secured computer systems
- Using the equipment or software for commercial purposes
- Using the equipment for illegal purposes including, but not limited, to violating United State copyright law or any Montana law.

Penalty for unacceptable use

If, in the discretion of the Library staff, a user is participating in unacceptable use of library computers, the Library may prohibit future access to the computer, and/or Library facilities by the client. All Library staff has the authority and responsibility to enforce this policy.