

Coolidge Public Library

Patron Computer and Internet Use Rules

In accordance with its mission to provide timely information to its patrons, the trustees of the library have established the following rules. Failure to comply with these rules may result in loss of computer and Internet access privileges, disciplinary and/or legal action.

Computer Use is a Privilege.

Patron use of the library's computers, networks, and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Unacceptable use/activity may result in suspension or cancellation of privileges as well as disciplinary and/or legal action. The library director shall have the final authority to decide whether patron's privileges will be denied or revoked.

It is the policy of the Coolidge Public Library to (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act[Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

Prohibited Use

The user is responsible for his/her actions and activities involving library computers, networks, and Internet services. Examples that are prohibited include but are not limited to the following:

1. **Accessing Inappropriate Materials**—Accessing, submitting, posting, publishing, forwarding, downloading, scanning, or displaying materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing and/or illegal.

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or 'Internet filters') shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms or electronic communication, access to inappropriate information.

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.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

2. **Inappropriate Network Usage**—To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Coolidge Public 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.

3. Violation of Copyrights—Copying or downloading copyrighted materials without the owner's permission.
4. Misuse of Passwords/ Unauthorized Access—Sharing passwords, using other's passwords without permission and/or accessing other users' accounts.
5. Using the Network while Privileges have been Suspended.

Education, Supervision, and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Coolidge Public Library staff to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

Procedures for disabling or otherwise modifying and technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Coolidge Public Library or designated representatives.

No Expectations of Privacy

The Coolidge Public Library retains control, custody and supervision of all computers, networks, and Internet services owned or leased by the Library. The Library reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity. Patrons have no expectation of privacy in their use of Library computers.

Compensation for Losses, Costs, and/or Damages.

The patron and parents/guardians shall be responsible for compensating the Library for any losses, costs or damages incurred.

The Coolidge Public Library Assumes No Responsibility for Unauthorized Charges, Costs, or Legal Use.

Parental Permission Required

Patrons and their parents/guardians are required to sign and return the Computer/Internet Use Acknowledgement Form before being allowed to use the library computers.

Patron Use of the Computers shall be Limited to ½ Hour Block

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Board of the Coolidge Public Library at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on Month/ Day/ Year.