

Internet Safety Policy

The Uinta County Library has adopted this Internet Safety Policy to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub.L.No.16-554 and 47 USC 254 (h)] hereto referred to as CIPA. The policy was adopted July 21, 2015 by the Library Board of Trustees.

Parents and designated guardians of minor children have the right and the responsibility to direct the use of the Internet by their children. Parents or designated guardians should personally oversee the use of the Internet and other forms of electronic information by the children in their custody.

Schools and libraries receiving universal service discounts are required to adopt and enforce an Internet safety policy that includes a technology protection measure that protects against access by adults and minors to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or – with respect to use of computers with Internet access by minors – harmful to minors.

The library has installed Technology Protection Measures (filtering software) on all of its Internet accessible terminals. This filtering software helps to protect against access to visual depictions deemed "obscene" (as defined in 18 USC Section 1460), "child pornography" (as defined in 18 USC Section 2256), or "harmful to minors" (as defined in 47 USC Section 254 [G]).

Privacy and Anonymity

1. Users will be able to access and use the Internet anonymously.
2. Sites visited by users will not be recorded by filtering software.
3. A user's requests to have sites unblocked or filters removed will not be recorded in any way that can be linked to the user's identity.

Access to Inappropriate Materials:

Technology protection measures shall be used to block or filter Internet access to inappropriate information on all library networks (both wired and wireless). Specifically, as required by CIPA, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. It is technically impossible to prevent access to all objectionable resources. Filters are not 100% effective and may not filter images that should be blocked, and conversely, may block images that should not be blocked. Designated library staff may, at their discretion, temporarily disable the filter for adult library users for bona fide research or other lawful purposes without requirement of an explanation. The filtering software will not be disabled for minors.

Inappropriate Network Usage:

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Uinta County Library online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of electronic communication. Specifically, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking", and other unauthorized disclosure, (b) use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors, (c) software piracy and violation of copyright or license agreements and (d) attempts to damage or alter equipment, software or hardware configurations. Guidelines for Use of the Uinta County Library are prominently displayed in the library and on the library's web page. (See the Internet access policy for details.) Individuals who violate these policies may be restricted from access to library services and facilities. Police may be called for assistance.

Supervision and Monitoring:

Uinta County Library staff, under the direction of the Library Director, will supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and CIPA.