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TITLE: PUBLIC INTERNET USE	POLICY NUMBER: 18.2
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Purpose: To define acceptable public use of the Internet at the Puyallup Public Library (hereafter referred to as PPL).

Scope: Applies to all who use the facility including library patrons who access the Internet at PPL.

Background: PPL provides access to a broad range of information resources, including those available through the Internet. The Internet is a global network of ideas, images and commentary that provides free and timely access to large amounts of practical and educational materials from around the world. Unlike other library resources, the Library cannot control and does not monitor the information found on the Internet for accuracy, nor can the library control the intentions of Internet content providers. Library users are the final selectors in their internet use regardless of age or interpretive or technological skills and are responsible for their own choices and decisions when using the Internet.

Privacy: Users should be aware that the Internet is not a secure medium and that individuals and are cautioned to protect their personal accounts, passwords and other identifying information. The City of Puyallup, Library Board and staff assume no responsibility for any direct or indirect consequential, special or punitive damages or losses arising from use of its computers, servers, Internet or wi-fi. To help protect the privacy of computer users and the interests of other Library patrons, the Library attempts to minimize the unintentional viewing of potentially offensive content to the extent that it is feasible to do so by intentional placement of computers and provision of privacy screens.

Policy Statement

PPL upholds the rights of all Library patrons to read, seek information and speak freely as guaranteed by the First Amendment, regardless of format or technology. These are fundamental rights in a democratic society and are core values of the Library.

Rules Governing Use

In order to allow all patrons an opportunity to use the equipment, patrons are asked to comply with sign up and time limitations. All computer users are asked to respect the privacy of other users and not attempt to regard, censor or comment upon what others are viewing. The Library's Rules of Conduct and pertinent state, federal and local laws apply to all Library patrons, including computer users.

Library computers and Wi-Fi may not be used for any illegal activity including, but not limited to:

- Damaging or altering computer equipment, systems or software.

- Displaying, printing or sending any material that is illegal, criminal, libelous or threatening.
- Downloading or installing any program including harmful programs defined as, but not limited to, spyware, viruses, Trojans, malware or any other illegal utility on any computer.
- Violating copyright or trademark laws, software licensing agreements or intellectual property rights.

Users engaging in these activities may lose computer privileges and/or be asked to leave the Library. Library staff will summon law enforcement authorities if they suspect illegal use of the computers, wi-fi or Internet.

Filtering: Children under the age of 18 will be required to use filtering software that blocks out violent, sexually explicit and other content deemed harmful to minors. Adults will be able to choose filtered or unfiltered Internet in accordance with Federal Law.

Access by Children

The Library affirms the right and responsibility of parents and caregivers to monitor their child's use of Library materials and resources. Library staff will not monitor any individual's use of the Internet including minors. To assist parents in monitoring their child's use of the Internet, the Library:

- Provides computers with commercial filtering software for public use in the children's area at PPL. This filtering software will block many specific sites that may be offensive to some, but may not block out all materials that may be offensive to all users. Parents should inform their children of materials they do not want them to use and are highly encouraged to supervise their children's Internet sessions.
- Considers placement of public computers in each Library location to minimize inadvertent viewing of public computer sessions.
- Provides privacy screens for all users upon request.

Citations and related references:

REPLACES "PUYALLUP PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET SAFETY POLICY" ORIGINALLY ADOPTED JANUARY 26, 2005

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RELATED POLICIES:

CODE OF CONDUCT

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