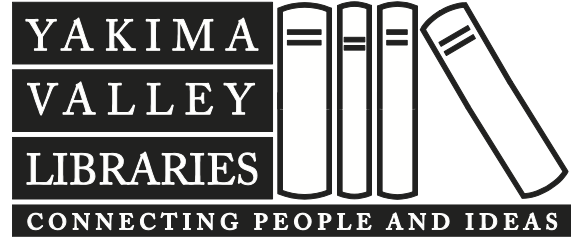

Internet Policy Revised



PURPOSE

A goal of the Yakima Valley Libraries is to select from the mass of available materials, and organize for easy access, those books and materials which best meet the needs of the community, foster the communication of ideas, provide opportunity and encouragement for all to educate themselves continuously, and help people equip themselves for useful occupations and practical affairs, sharpen their competence to form sound judgments, increase their appreciation of their cultural heritage, and enrich their leisure hours. Yakima Valley Libraries' Collection Development policies govern access to materials and the Internet.

Information technologies are improving ways in which public libraries can better serve customers and have opened access to local and global electronic services not previously available. It is a goal that any resident living within the Yakima Valley Libraries service area should be able to walk into any community library and use a computer to access information resources available through the Internet.

It is a goal that electronic information resources will be available throughout the Yakima Valley Libraries system. The Library system will make the Internet available for library customers in its community libraries.

The compelling interest of this policy is to address concerns about:

- Children seeing obscene materials
- Parental rights and responsibilities
- Hostile environments in community libraries
- Access of the entire public to the Internet
- Consistency with the Yakima Valley Libraries mission
- Adherence to applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations

POLICIES

The library is committed to offering open access to the Internet, to supporting the right to privacy and confidentiality of library users, and to following the provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Yakima Valley Libraries uses technology intended to block content based on the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) for obscene materials, child pornography, and materials harmful to minors. The use of technology protection measures by the library does not relieve parents of the responsibility for monitoring Internet access by their children.

The Internet is a global electronic network. The Internet may contain inaccurate, outdated, incomplete, or controversial information. Library customers access the Internet at their own discretion.

All use of library computer and Wi-Fi resources is at the risk of the user.

Library customers' use of the facilities and equipment for access to the Internet may be limited in time so that all library customers will have an opportunity to use the resource.

Library computer and Wi-Fi resources may not be used for the following purposes:

- Violation of any applicable federal, state, or local laws, rules or regulation
- Harassment of other persons or parties
- Libel or slander of other persons or parties
- Destruction or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to Yakima Valley Libraries or to other users
- Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to any computing, information, or communications devices or resources
- Disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications
- Unauthorized copying of copyrighted or other protected material
- Violation of computer and Wi-Fi system security
- Unauthorized use of computer or Wi-Fi accounts, access codes, or network identification numbers assigned to others
- Use of computer and Wi-Fi communications facilities in ways that intentionally impede the computing activities of others
- Violation of software license agreements
- Violation of network usage policies and agreements
- Violation of another person's or party's privacy
- Intentional propagation of computer viruses
- Knowingly viewing, printing, downloading or exhibiting of obscene materials in violation of city, state or federal laws
- Violation of the Yakima Valley Libraries system's rules of conduct as they may be determined from time to time by the Library Board of Trustees.

U.S. Copyright Law (Title 17, U.S. Code) prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials, except as permitted by the principles of "fair use." Library customers may not copy or distribute electronic materials (including electronic mail, text, images, programs, or data) without the explicit permission of the copyright holder. Any responsibility for any consequences of copyright infringement lies with the library customer. The Yakima Valley Libraries expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from such use.

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Libraries computing resources, including the Internet. This includes damage or injury sustained from invasions of a library customer's or other person's privacy.

Library customers will be personally responsible for the costs of any materials ordered via the Internet. Yakima Valley Libraries will not be responsible for these costs.

All customers using the Internet must agree to comply with the Yakima Valley Libraries Internet Use Agreement or any future version of the Policy as a condition of using the Yakima Valley Libraries Internet.

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