

Ely Public Library

Computer and Internet Use Policy

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The Ely Public Library provides our patrons with free access to information in many formats, including the Internet. The Ely Public library is not responsible for any misinformation or offensive information patrons may encounter on the Internet. In addition, the Ely Public Library is not responsible for filtering or monitoring the Internet use of minors; parents and guardians hold the responsibility for monitoring their children's Internet sessions. We ask that children under the age of eight (8) be accompanied by a parent or guardian while using the Internet.

The Ely Public Library has the right to revoke or deny Internet access to patrons engaging in unacceptable Internet usage, including the following:

- Removal, damage, or destruction of library computers, equipment, software, or data
- Violating another patron's right to privacy
- Libeling or slandering other users
- Harassing other users online or in person
- Violating of software licensing or copyright laws
- Violating general rules of library conduct, including using inappropriate language or loud language and violating the personal space of other patrons
- Attempting to crash or gain unauthorized access to computer systems or networks, including those of the library
- Viewing or displaying material that may be considered "obscene material" as defined by Iowa Codes 78.1 and 78.2:
 - Refer to Code **728.1 Definitions** for the definition of "**Obscene material**"
 - Refer to Code **728.2** for the definition of **Dissemination and exhibition of obscene material to minors.**
- The library is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of patron's personal computer, equipment, and/or storage devices.

In addition, the Ely Public Library has the right to deny computer access to patrons who have accounts which fall under the following categories:

- Patron has accumulated fines considered "excessive" (defined as over \$10.00 in fines)
- Patron has an "excessive" number of overdue items (defined as over 20 items)
- Patron has overdue Interlibrary Loan Items

Once these issues are resolved, the patron's computer usage privileges will be reinstated.

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Disclaimer: The library cannot guarantee availability of the computers due to use or technical or other unforeseen problems. The library will give minors one (1) hour long computer session per day, with more provided at the staff's discretion. The library has one computer reserved solely for adult use. Library staff has the right to deny new computer sessions in the last ten minutes before closing.

Violations: Violations of the Ely Public Library Internet Use Policy may result in restrictions in library use and, in some cases, financial responsibility. Illegal uses of computers may also be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.

Printing: Printing is 20 cents per page for black and white copies and 50 cents per page for color copies. Patrons may pay for and pick up their copies at the desk.

Laptop Internet Access and Wireless Computing Policy

The Ely Public Library Provides wireless Internet access throughout our building.

- Laptop users must adhere to our Ely Public Library Computer & Internet Policy.
- The library's internet network is not secure. Information sent to or from your laptop can be captured by any other wireless user with appropriate software.
- Library staff are not able to provide you with technical assistance nor guarantee that you will be able to make a wireless connection.
- The Ely Public Library cannot assume responsibility for the safety of equipment or for laptop configuration, security, or data files resulting from connection to the library's network or the use of other facilities in the library.

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