



Computer & Internet Use Policy

Policy Statement

The Deadwood Public Library offers dedicated Internet terminals and a wireless network where the public may browse the Internet free of charge upon agreeing to our Internet Terms of Use.

The library's online access enables the integration of electronic resources from information networks worldwide with the library's other resources. The availability of public-access computers and the Internet enables the library to provide digital information beyond its own collection, thereby meeting the personal, professional, and educational needs of the community.

Internet filters are utilized on the library's public computers and wireless networks; however, users are responsible for determining what online information is appropriate for themselves and their dependent minors.

Public computers:

- One hour of Internet access per day per patron, with the opportunity for time extensions left to the staff's discretion, if no other patrons are waiting.
- Parents of minor children must indicate their consent on the child's library card prior to the child using the Internet.
- The computer in the children's area does not require parental consent because it is not connected to the Internet and contains only age-appropriate games.
- Printing is available for a fee of 0.25 per black and white page and 0.50 per color page.
- Laptops are available for checkout for in-library use in 1-hour increments to cardholders in good standing.
- Food and beverages are not allowed while using the public computers or laptops.
- Licensing agreements with providers of online subscription databases available to users allow for in-library use only and may not be accessed remotely.

Catalog computer:

- Use is limited to research. Activities such as general web browsing, social networking, or gaming are not permitted.
- Available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wireless network:

- No time limits.
- All terms of use for Internet access apply.



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Terms of Use

The library has established these terms of use to ensure that use of the library's network is consistent with the nature of its services. Failure to comply with these terms may result in suspension or termination of the user's privileges. All library staff have the authority to end any computer session at any given time.

Users shall read *the Terms and Conditions of Use* and click "I Agree" on screen, indicating that they understand and agree to abide by these policies and regulations before using the Internet.

All users are expected to use the library's electronic resources in a responsible manner that includes, but is not limited to:

- Using resources for educational, informational, and recreational purposes only, not illegal.
- Respecting the privacy of others by not misrepresenting oneself as another user; by not attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others; by not seeking unauthorized access to any computer system or damaging or altering software components or any networks or databases.
- Making or printing only authorized copies of copyrighted or licensed software or data.
- Using headphones as needed to keep from disturbing other users.
- Not sending, receiving, printing, or displaying text or graphics that may reasonably be construed as obscene as defined by the US Supreme Court in *Miller v. California*.
- Not making any changes to the setup or configuration of the software or hardware on the library's computers. Any person who knowingly alters programs or data, destroys any part of the library's computer system, or discloses passwords from the library's computers may be prosecuted for unlawful use of a computer under provisions of SDCL 43-43B-1. Such individuals may be financially liable for damages, including court costs.
- While the library upholds users' rights to privacy and confidentiality in their use of all library resources, the nature of electronic resources makes it impossible to guarantee these rights. Ultimate responsibility for resolving problems related to the invasion of users' privacy or data loss rests with the user. The library assumes no liability for loss or damage to users' data, or for any damage or injury arising from the invasion of users' privacy.
- The library is not responsible for lost data due to network, software, or power failure, transmission of viruses, or interception of data transmitted through the wireless network.



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Wireless Internet Access Terms of Use

Deadwood Public Library (DPL) offers wireless Internet access in and outside the library. By using our free wireless service (Wi-Fi), you agree to abide by the library's Internet use policy. Failure to comply with these terms may result in suspension or termination of the user's privileges. All library staff have the authority to end any network session at any given time.

1. The library's wireless network is password-protected. Users must request the password from a library staff member at the Circulation Desk. Use of DPL Wi-Fi is entirely at the user's risk.
2. By choosing to connect to DPL Wi-Fi, you signify understanding that there are risks associated with use (e.g., sensitive personal information being compromised and/or potential damage to your hardware or software caused by electric surges, security issues, or consequences caused by viruses or hacking).
3. Library staff can provide general information for connecting your device to the wireless network, but cannot troubleshoot problems related to your wireless device or assist in making changes to your device's network settings and/or hardware configuration.
4. The library is not responsible for damage to personal technology.
5. The use of the library's internet connection for illegal activity will result in immediate notification of law enforcement.
6. Although efforts are made to maintain the confidentiality and privacy of personal information, the library cannot guarantee confidentiality or privacy on devices used over this network. The library assumes no responsibility or liability for the effectiveness of the filtering software that is implemented in compliance with state law.

Disclaimer

As of December 15th, 2020, the Deadwood Public Library is in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) by employing a low level of content filtering on our internet connections. This is required by the federal government to receive discounts on our telecommunications bills and possible funding opportunities through federal grants.

The Deadwood Public Library endorses the American Library Association's *Access to Digital Resources and Services: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights*, Adopted January 24th, 1996 by the ALA Council; amended January 19th, 2005; July 15th, 2009, June 25, 2019' and May 29th, 2025 under previous name *Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks: an Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights*.