

## **Pahrump Community Library Internet Policy and User Agreement Form**

The Pahrump Community Library is providing access to the Internet as a means to enhance the information and learning opportunities for the citizens of the library's service area. The Board of Trustees has established the Internet use policy to ensure appropriate and effective use of this resource.

Access to the Internet is available to all patrons; however, this service may be restricted at any time for use not consistent with the guidelines. Prior to being granted access to the Internet, all users must acknowledge the Internet Usage Policy. Parents of minor children must assume responsibility for their children's use of the library's Internet service. All Internet users must have a valid library card. If patron is not a library member, then he/she must present a picture ID, such as a drivers' license or school ID.

### **Access and Usage**

The Pahrump Community Library does not provide e-mail accounts to users. In some cases, users with existing e-mail accounts may access their accounts through the library's Internet workstations. The Library assumes no responsibility and shall have no liability for any claims or damages that result from the provision of such access to users.

Use of the Library's Internet workstations for the transmission, dissemination and/or duplication of information is regulated under various state and federal laws. The Library expects all users to comply with such laws. All adult users of the Internet are required to comply with the provisions of the Library's Internet and Wireless Use Policy, the Library Rules of Conduct and administrative procedures for use of computer workstations developed in accordance with this policy. Failure to comply with these policies or guidelines may result in Internet use privileges being suspended.

### **Disclaimer**

The Internet is a decentralized, non-moderated global network; the Pahrump Community Library has no control over the content found there. The library will not censor access to material nor protect users from offensive information, and it is not responsible for the availability and accuracy of information found on the Internet.

The library cannot assure that data or files downloaded by users are virus-free. The library is not responsible for damages to equipment or data on a user's personal computer from the use of data downloaded from the library's Internet service.

The use of the Internet and e-mail is not guaranteed to be private. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the proper authorities.

### **Guidelines:**

Users may use the Internet for research and the acquisition of information to address their educational, vocational, cultural, and recreational needs. Users may use the Internet for the receipt and transmission of electronic mail (e-mail) as long as they use a free e-mail service, which will establish and maintain an account for them; the library is unable to manage e-mail accounts for any organizations or individuals.

Internet use is offered in sixty (60) minute sessions on a first-come, first-served basis; each user is allowed one session— if there is no patron waiting for the service at the end of a session, the user can have another session. Library staff members will assist patrons, as time permits, with basic navigational functions. Staff can provide individual instruction as time permits with an appointment.

- \* Users will respect and uphold copyright laws and all other applicable laws and regulations; they will not use it for illegal purposes.
- \* Users will respect the rights and privacy of others by not accessing private files.
- \* Users agree not to incur any costs for the library through their use of the Internet service.
- \* Users shall not create and/or distribute computer viruses over the Internet.
- \* Users shall not deliberately or willfully cause damage to computer equipment, programs, or parameters.

### **Internet access by Minor Children**

Parents, guardians, and caregivers are responsible for their minor children's use of all library materials, including the Internet. Library staff cannot monitor the Internet resources that minor children may select. A collection of age-appropriate Internet sites selected by Young People's Librarians is included on the Library's web site. These sites meet the same selection criteria used for the selection of other library materials for youth.

The Library will provide filtering software on Young People's Library computers in an attempt to limit access to age-appropriate Internet sites by minor children to the extent that is feasible given technical requirements and support.

However, the Library cannot guarantee that filtering technology will successfully block all inappropriate sites. Such controls cannot be absolutely foolproof and parents and guardians must ultimately accept responsibility for determining appropriate use of the Internet by their minor children. Any restriction of the minor child's access to the Internet remains the sole responsibility of the parent, guardian, or caregiver.

Minor children may use filtered workstations without parental permission. No children age 17 and under will be permitted to use unfiltered adult computers.

#### **Wireless Access**

By providing wireless network access to the Internet, the Library expands its ability to provide information resources to the public. Wireless access to the Internet in the library is to conform to the general provisions outlined in this policy and use by library patrons is subject to the Library Rules of Conduct. Failure to comply with these policies or guidelines may result in wireless network access privileges being suspended and the patron may be asked to leave library premises. Use which creates a disturbance or interferes with the ability of other patrons to use the library will not be tolerated.

#### **Use of Personal Equipment**

The Library is not responsible for any damage to personal equipment or software that may occur as a result of using the Library's wireless network. In light of security issues and the variety of equipment that can be used to access wireless networks, the Library urges patrons to incorporate appropriate protection systems such as anti-virus, firewall software, and updated patches when accessing the Library's wireless network. The Library does not provide encryption services and does not guarantee privacy of data transmitted across its network.

#### **Wireless Internet Access by Minor Children**

The library is not responsible for any sites that are accessed by minor children using personal laptop computers in the library when using the library's wireless Internet connections.

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