

Internet and Online Access Policy

Salem City Library

Public access to the Internet and online services have become an integral part of the Library's programs and services. The intent of this policy is to meet the provisions of Sections 9-7-213, 9-7-215, and 9-7-216 UCA, and Administrative Rule 458-2, as well as provide guidelines for patrons and staff who connect to the Internet network provided by the library, including a wireless network.

Developed under the direction of the Library Board of the Salem City Library, this Internet and Online Access Policy was discussed and adopted during an open meeting of the Library Board on 9 May 2019. This policy supersedes all previous Internet and Online Access Policy statements of the Salem City Library and is effective on 9 May 2019.

As a matter of policy, the Salem City Library will abide by all laws governing or regulating Internet use as such legislation relates to library policy or service.

This Policy document will be reviewed by the Salem City Library Board at least every three years, and a copy of the new policy will be sent to the Utah State Library Division as required by Administrative Rule R223-2.

Legal requirements:

The Salem City Library's Internet Access Policy complies with Section 9-7-215 **Internet and online access policy required**, and Section 9-7-216 **Process and content standards for policy** UCA, as well as reporting procedures established by Utah Administrative Rule 458-2.

The Salem City Library has in place a policy of Internet safety for minors, including the operation of a technology protection measure, hereafter called "filtering software," on any publicly accessible computer with Internet access that protects against access to visual depictions that are child pornography, materials harmful to minors, or obscene. The filtering software will be enforced to provide Internet safety during any use of a computer by a minor.

The Salem City Library has in place a policy of Internet safety for all library minors, connected to the Internet, including the operation of filtering software on any publicly accessible computer with Internet access or through a wireless Internet connection that protects against access to visual depictions that are child pornography or obscene. The filtering software will be enforced to provide Internet safety during any use of the Internet.

Library policy restricts access to Internet sites that contain visual depictions that are child pornography, harmful to minors or obscene, and may also limit Internet access or otherwise protect against materials other than the materials specified in Utah statute. Filtering software will provide Internet safety to any computer or other device while connected to the Internet through a network provided by the library, including a wireless network. However, an authorized library representative may disable a technology protection measure at the request of an adult patron to enable Internet access for research or other lawful purposes.

Anyone who is found to have used library computers or wireless connection to access materials in violation of this policy may be subject to loss of library privileges and appropriate legal action. Library staff violating this policy will also be subject to disciplinary action.

Implementation requirements:

A notice of the availability of this Policy will be posted in a conspicuous place within the library for all patrons to observe.

The Library Board has established procedures and guidelines to handle complaints about this policy, enforcement of this policy by library staff, and what a patron should do if they observe inappropriate behavior by another library patron. A notice of the availability of these procedures for public review will be posted, as well as the policies made readily available to all staff members. These procedures and guidelines will be adhered to by library staff to enforce the requirements of **Sections 9-7-215 and 9-7-216 UCA**.

Library Board Chairperson Library Director

The effective date of the last review of this policy is 8 May 2019