

INTERNET USE POLICY

Graettinger Public Library provides free access to the internet to connect the public to the world of ideas and information and provides equal access to that information for all individuals in the community. This policy applies to all who use the Graettinger Public Library's Internet service, whether privately-owned or library-provided devices are operated.

Libraries are a traditional forum for the open exchange of information. Providing access to information available on the Internet does not constitute endorsement of the content by the library. The Graettinger Public Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility arising from use of the Internet or information obtained through the Internet.

LIBRARY PRACTICES

The library does not retain browser history or personal information. The library will not reveal the information sources or services individual users access unless required by law or court order.

Iowa law places no prohibition on the use of appropriate material for educational purposes in any public library. It does, however, place limitations on those who knowingly disseminate or exhibit obscene material so that it can be observed by a minor. Library staff members may request that individuals cease to view or listen to works that threaten the safe and comfortable environment of the library or interfere with the conduct of library business, in accordance with the Graettinger Public Library's Rules of Conduct.

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

As with other library materials, individuals must accept responsibility for evaluating the content of resources they may view, read, or listen to. Monitoring and any restriction of a child's access is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. No children under the age of 5 will be allowed on the computer without a parent/guardian with them. If problems arise the 1st offense is no use of computer for 2 weeks. The 2nd offense is no use of computer for 1 month.

Customers are urged to respect the sensibilities of others when accessing images that may reasonably be offensive to someone else. Privacy while using the Internet in the library cannot be guaranteed. There exists a possibility of others viewing the images.

Customers handling financial transactions or other activities that require confidentiality do so at their own risk. The Internet is not a private environment and security of electronic communication cannot be guaranteed. Security for personal devices rests solely with the owner. The Graettinger Public Library Board of Trustees and employees assume no responsibility for damage of any type arising from use of the computer workstations.

There is a 30-minute time limit on the computers if others are waiting. If no one is waiting, patrons may continue to use the computers.

Items may be printed from the computer – Black/White is \$0.25, Color is \$0.50

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