INTERNET AND ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY

The Internet is a worldwide computer network which provides easy access to a massive body of information. The Springville Public Library, under the direction of the Springville Public Library Board, has established this Online Public Access Policy to allow all users to benefit from this technology.

Filtering software (technology protection measure) is used on all public access computers and related networks intended for use by minors and adults. The filtering software is configured to protect against access to visual depictions of child pornography, content that is harmful to minors or obscene, and other inappropriate materials subject to this policy or the Springville Public Library collection development policy. Filtering software restricts access in compliance with Utah Code Sections 9-7-215, 9-7-216, and Utah Administrative Rule R223-2. This software governs both the library computers as well as the Wi-Fi network that provides open access to users in or near the library building. It will block many specific pornographic sites, but it may not block them all. The Library's failure to successfully block any usage or site in violation of law or this policy does not constitute permission for such usage or site.

The Library will re-evaluate whether to block or unblock a specific site if a user who is not a minor disagrees with the filtering software's handling of that site.

The Library is not responsible for the availability or accuracy of information accessible via the Internet. The Internet is an unregulated medium, with access points and content which change rapidly and unpredictably.

The Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from any use of its computers or World Wide Web server or from its connections to other Internet or electronic resources services.

All users will comply with procedural restrictions, such as sign-ups, time limits or printing charges, developed by Library staff to provide for equitable use for all users.

As with all library resources and collections, the Library affirms that monitoring the use of the Internet and other electronic resources by any minor child is the sole right and responsibility of the parent or guardian. The Library strongly

encourages parents to supervise their children's Internet and other electronic resources used.

Use of library equipment or network access for illegal purposes is expressly prohibited, including but not limited to: using the computer system to hack another system; sending forged messages; sending bulk mail; sending unsolicited voluminous or frequent messages; illegally sharing or using copyrighted materials; fraudulently misrepresenting the user's identity in any communications, or engaging in cyber-bullying or stalking. Internet users shall not access material that is harmful to minors, obscene, or pornographic, including child pornography. Illegal acts involving Library computing resources may be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.

Users are required to use the Library's computers in a manner that does not have a detrimental impact on the stability and functionality of the Library's computer system and its ability to connect to and use other networks and resources. This includes installing or connecting unauthorized technical devices, changing system or software configurations, disconnecting hardware or software, installing hardware or software, or changing hardware configurations.

While respecting an individual user's right to privacy, staff has the right to monitor use of Internet workstations to ensure compliance with this policy.

Inappropriate use of Library computer resources is prohibited and failure to observe the Library's Online Public Access Policy may result in the loss of Internet and/or Library privileges. Loss of Internet privileges will be for a definite period of time up to one year, to be determined by the Library Director. Any suspension longer than one week may be appealed to the Library Board of Directors.

Failure of Library staff or systems to detect and stop actions prohibited by law and this policy does not constitute acceptance of nor permission for such actions.

To report a violation of this policy, speak to a library staff member.

Springville Public Library Board of Trustees

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