MONTROSE REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
INTERNET USE POLICY

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MISSION

The Montrose Regional Library District (MRLD) fosters community by providing resources, encouraging reading, and supporting lifelong learning.

Purpose of the Internet Use Policy

The Montrose Regional Library District offers free and equitable use of the internet. The District offers free wireless access to library patrons for use with personal laptops, notebooks, and other mobile Internet devices.

MRLD has no control over information accessed through the internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. As with other library materials, supervision and restriction of a child's access to the internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. The District assumes no responsibility for damages, direct or indirect, arising from any use of the District's connections to the internet.

Statement of Policy

MRLD requires patrons to follow the Behavior Policy and to be civil and law-abiding in their use of the internet. Access is available inside the Montrose Regional Library and the Naturita Community Library during regular library hours; wireless is available on the property at all times.

Violations of this policy will result in loss of computer privileges and may result in loss of Library privileges.

Internet Use Privacy

The very nature of the Internet tracks all types of user activities across numerous devices (every Internet user leaves an end-to-end "Internet Protocol" track to every site they visit). The Montrose Regional Library District does not use/collect/share/sell any of that tracked information, except to generate in-house anonymous usage statistics. Specifically, the District does not track user names or e-mail addresses.

Guidelines

Users need to bring their own equipment and know how to configure it. MRLD does not guarantee that your device will work with the Library's wireless access. Library staff cannot provide technical assistance to configure your device or troubleshoot wireless access.

Use of the Montrose Regional Library District's wireless network is at the risk of the user. The District is not responsible for any information that is lost through the use of its wireless access. Because information transmitted via wireless could potentially be intercepted by others, users should take appropriate cautions with personal information while using the

network.

Printers are not available through the wireless connection. Standard computer stations are available for use with public printers.

To ensure appropriate use of Library resources, the following are prohibited:

- Using Library computers for illegal or criminal purposes.
- Violating legal protections provided by copyright and licenses to programs or data.
- Transmitting or gaining access to inappropriate material via the internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications.
- Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.
- Falsifying one's age to gain access to internet sites.
- Seeking unauthorized access to computers or computing systems.

Children & Internet Use
It is unacceptable for a minor to receive any material that is deemed harmful under the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)] through a website, chat room, email, social media, or other direct electronic communication. Library computers are equipped with a content filter designed to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Only parents or guardians with children present in the Marguerite H. Gill Children's Room will be allowed to sign up for, and make use of, the family computers. In keeping with Board directives and present practice, minor children shall not use the family computers unless a parent or guardian is present in the Children's Room. The term "minor children" is defined as children under 18 years of age.

The Library believes this policy to be in compliance with the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act.