

Eagle Public Library

Internet and Online Access Policy

Adopted by the Board of Trustees, June 16, 2021

Reviewed and reaffirmed, June 19, 2024

1. General Introductory Statements:

Public access to the Internet and online services has become an integral part of the Eagle Public Library's programs and services. The intent of this policy is to meet the provisions of Idaho Code 33-2741, as well as provide guidelines for patrons and staff regarding Internet accessible and online computer use.

Developed under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the Eagle Public Library, this Internet and Online Access Policy was discussed and adopted during an open meeting of the Library Board on June 17, 2020. This policy supersedes all previous Internet and Online Access Policy statements of the Eagle Public Library and is effective on June 17, 2020.

As a matter of policy, the Eagle Public 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 Eagle Public Library Board of Trustees at least every three years.

2. Legal requirements:

The Eagle Public Library's Internet Access Policy complies with Idaho Code 33-2741 PUBLIC LIBRARY – INTERNET USE POLICY REQUIRED.

The Eagle Public 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 obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors, as defined in I.C. 33-2741. The filtering software will be enforced to provide Internet safety during any use of a library computer by a minor. However, an authorized library representative may disable a technology protection measure at the request of a patron to enable Internet access for lawful purposes.

The Board of Trustees has approved the use of Meraki filtering software provided by Cisco.

Patrons of any age who bring their own computer equipment into the Library and utilize the Library's Internet connection will have only filtered access to the Internet. The same policy regarding the viewing of illegal and inappropriate sites shall apply to these patrons.

3. 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 Board of Trustees 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 Idaho Code 33-2741.

Disregarding the Eagle Public Library Internet and Online Access Policy or the Eagle Library Internet Safety Policy may result in loss of Internet privileges.