

## **Internet Use Policy**

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The Boone County Public Library provides access to the Internet and other electronic services. This access is offered on Library owned equipment as well as through personal devices via wireless networks. In order to ensure a minimum standard of service to all users, the Library shall limit available bandwidth. By using the Internet, the user agrees to hold the Library harmless from any claims, losses, damages, obligations, or liabilities relating to its use and to abide by the following guidelines:

### Filtering:

The Library employs the use of content filtering software to attempt to limit access to material that is pornographic or harmful to anyone under 18 and to comply with Federal law. However, there is no software that is 100% effective. Restriction of use of the Internet by anyone under 18 is the responsibility of a parent or legal guardian.

### Choosing Sources:

The Internet is unregulated and information accessible through it may be inaccurate, incomplete, outdated, biased, inappropriate, or offensive. Since the Library has no control over the content, individuals use it at their own risk. Users are cautioned to access and evaluate sites carefully.

### Copyright:

The Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the reproduction, distribution, public performance, and public display of copyrighted material. Responsibility for possible copyright infringement lies solely with the user and the Library disclaims any responsibility or liability.

### Appropriate Use:

Users of Library owned equipment shall not attempt in any way to alter, damage, abuse, or sabotage Library equipment or software. Users shall not use the Library equipment and/or Library wireless network for any illegal activity or activity that creates an intimidating or hostile environment. Any damage or illegal or prohibited activity shall be reported to law enforcement. Using the Internet inappropriately shall result in the loss of Internet and/or Library privileges and/or the blocking or disconnection of devices.

### Downloads:

Users can download software and files to a portable storage device or to a piece of personal equipment. Files downloaded from the Internet may harm a user's device or may violate copyright law. Users are cautioned to have anti-virus software and security measures in place and to follow all current laws.

### Wireless considerations:

Wi-Fi access provided by the Library is unsecured. Anti-virus, security, and privacy protection are the responsibility of the individual. Custom configuration of Wi-Fi equipment to allow specific device access is not possible. The Library is not responsible for any theft, damage or misuse of users' laptops and other mobile devices while inside the Library.