Patron Computer Use Policy

BOARD POLICY

Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD) provides access to Library resources and information through physical and virtual materials and technology. These include electronic resources, services, networks, and computer access that meet the informational needs and interests of the patrons we serve and to provide access to diverse ideas.

DISTRICT PROCEDURES

To protect the patron's right of access, ensure the safety of public and staff, and protect Library resources and facilities, PPLD prohibits certain activities that constitute unacceptable use of the Library. Such use may result in suspension or loss of Library privileges, including removal from the Library and/or criminal prosecution or other legal action. Unacceptable use of Library technology and resources includes, but is not limited to:

- Theft, damage, or destruction of Library property, including software or hardware components of a computer or computing system.
- Use of programs that infiltrate a computer or computing system, including uploading harmful programming, vandalism, hacking, and the production or use of malware or spam.
- Violation of the legal protection provided by copyright laws and licenses for print, electronic, video, or digital resources, programs, and data. This includes downloading or transmitting confidential, trade secret, or plagiarized information/materials.
- Assuming the identity of another person without the explicit authorization of the other person.
- Seeking information on, obtaining copies of, or modifying files, data, or passwords belonging to other users of PPLD's electronic resources.
- Viewing or downloading obscene materials.
- Illegal activities in violation of federal, state, or local laws.
- Installing software or changing configurations of Library property.

PPLD may restrict use of computers based on age in areas designated for teens and children.

As with all Library materials, PPLD affirms the responsibility of parents/guardians, not Library staff, to determine and monitor their child's (under 17 years old) use of the internet. Because we

cannot control all aspects of this vast resource, we urge parents to continually participate in their child's learning process by helping them make good choices in selecting appropriate materials and websites.

PPLD filters all of our computers and Wi-Fi access equally. We apply a category-based content filter of pornography to our internet access. This means if the requested site is on that list, we block access to it. Our filtering system meets the [Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)](#) and Colorado state law regulations. We also filter access on our circulating wireless internet devices.

If a patron wants an unfiltered session, they can request an override code from Library staff. The override code will not work with domains blocked due to malicious activity. Regardless of filtered or unfiltered sessions, patrons are expected to comply with PPLD's code of conduct.

PPLD does not assume any responsibility for the accuracy of its internet filters. We welcome patrons to consult with staff on finding the most appropriate resources for their information needs.

PPLD reserves the right to ask any person who is not complying with posted restrictions to stop using the computer, and if that person does not comply, to leave the Library.

PPLD does not guarantee the protection of users' personal information due to the public nature of the Library user computer systems.

By accessing or using the Library's computers or network, you signify that you have read, understood, and agree to comply with the terms of this policy.