

# WEBER COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

## *Board of Trustees*

### INTERNET ACCESS POLICY

The primary mission of the Weber County Library is “to provide access to information resources which enable individuals to make meaningful decisions in their lives and participate as full-fledged members of our democratic society.” In support of this mission, the Library supports access to a broad range of information resources, including those available on the Internet.

While the Library staff personally selects and assumes responsibility for the books, magazines, non-print, CD-ROM resources, and other materials housed *within* the walls of Weber County’s public libraries, the staff does not select, and the Library does not assume responsibility for, those information resources housed *outside* of the Library on the Internet.

Information available on the Internet enhances that already held in the Library and, in some cases, may go well beyond what is locally available. Users are encouraged to take full advantage of the Internet while exercising good judgment and discretion in their use of this valuable resource. It is important to note that:

- \* Not all Internet sites provide accurate, complete, or current information. It is the responsibility of each information consumer to personally evaluate the information found on the Internet.
- \* Some library customers may consider the content of various Internet resources offensive.
- \* Library equipment may not be used for accessing, displaying, or printing, child pornography (18 U.S.C. Section 2256; Utah Code Section 76-5b-2), obscene materials (20 U.S.C. Section 9101), or materials harmful to minors (Utah Code Section 76-10-1201). Administrative procedures, including but not limited to technology protection measures, are in place to help ensure that, in as much as is possible, access to inappropriate materials is blocked on public computers without infringing on the rights of Library patrons of any age to access constitutionally protected materials.
- \* Parents or legal guardians may determine if their child should use guided (green space) or open (supervised) Internet access. Parents and legal guardians must then accept full responsibility for monitoring their child’s access to information available on the Internet. The Library staff does not have the right, or the responsibility, to act in place of the parent in making this determination.
- Library employees are available to aid customers in locating the information they need and to implement established administrative procedures to ensure that the Internet is used for purposes complementary to the Library mission and Board policy.

The Library reserves the right to take appropriate action to ensure compliance with this policy.

To report complaints about the policy or its enforcement, ask a librarian for a copy of the Library Board's procedures: "To Request Reconsideration of the Services Offered Via Library Public Computers," "To Request Reconsideration of the Library's Internet Access Policy," and/or "Statement of Concern About Access to Internet Resources."

For additional information concerning the procedures for implementing this policy, ask a librarian for a copy of the Library Director's administrative procedures for dealing with the "Access, Display, or Printing of Inappropriate Materials."

Copies of the full text of the Library Board's Internet Access Policy are available in each public computer center.

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### TO REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF THE SERVICES OFFERED VIA LIBRARY PUBLIC COMPUTERS

1. Discuss your concern with the librarian in charge of the division in which the computer is located.
2. If you desire further consideration, put your concern in writing on the form provided and return the form to the Library Director. You will receive a written response.
3. If you desire further consideration, you may request that it be reviewed by the Library management team (Director, Associate Director, Assistant Directors, Division Managers).
4. If you desire further action, you may request time on a Library Board meeting agenda to review the Board's policy and/or the Director's administrative procedures.
5. If you desire further action, you may seek to have the courts direct the Library to take action to remedy your objection.

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TO REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF THE LIBRARY'S  
INTERNET ACCESS POLICY

1. Discuss your concerns with the Library Director.
2. If you desire further consideration of the policy, inform the Library Director, or the Library Board Chair, that you would like time during the next Board meeting to discuss the Internet Access Policy.
3. Meet with the Library Board and Library Director to discuss your concern.

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STATEMENT OF CONCERN ABOUT ACCESS TO INTERNET RESOURCES

Please complete this form explaining your objections concerning the material or service in question and return to:

Library Director  
Weber County Library System  
2039 W 4000 S  
Roy, UT 84067

You will receive a written response within 10 working days. Thank you for your willingness to share your concerns with us.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you represent yourself [ ], or an organization [ ]?

1. Please share your comments concerning the manner in which the Library's public computers are managed:

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2. Please share your comments concerning the quality of the resources available on the public computers:

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3. If you have a particular concern you would like brought to my attention, please explain:

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4. What actions or changes would you recommend be taken to deal with your concerns, or to improve service on Library public computers?

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5. Other comments:

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Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Library's public computer services.