

INTERNET USE POLICY

SEOLS provides access to the internet at its library facilities, including paid subscription databases and non-paid sites available to the general public. Using their library cards, customers may access internet services on SEOLS computers as SEOLS computers are available or on a personal device provided by the customer using SEOLS provided Wi-Fi access. Use of Wi-Fi access is the sole responsibility of the customer. SEOLS is not responsible for securing customer devices nor for managing software or hardware problems in customer devices.

Customers are able to access materials through the internet that some may find to be offensive. With the exception of the filter as described below, SEOLS is not able to protect customers from materials they may find offensive. Each customer should take steps to avoid display of materials that the customer may find to be offensive and shall not display materials that are not permitted to be displayed in SEOLS facilities.

Blocking/filtering: Under the conditions of federally funded grants, SEOLS uses commercial software to filter access to internet sites by blocking access to sites deemed by the filter to be a site that contains obscenity or pornography. An adult customer may ask staff to disable the filter for the adult customer's own use of the internet on a session by session basis. The filter cannot be disabled for Wi-Fi sessions. No modifications of minor access to internet sites will be made. An adult customer may request that SEOLS consider withdrawing a particular site from being blocked by the filter on the grounds that it does not represent obscenity or pornography under standards articulated by the United States Supreme Court.

Inappropriate display: While in SEOLS facilities or library grounds, customers shall not display obscene or pornographic images or images that demean or harass other customers or library staff or are otherwise inappropriate for a public setting.

Unauthorized use: SEOLS customers shall not use SEOLS equipment or Wi-Fi connections to violate software license agreements or copyright laws and shall not use SEOLS computers or internet service or any other equipment or service to bypass any computer security or otherwise obtain unauthorized access to any servers, routers or other networking equipment or software to modify any networking equipment or software (whether or not such server, router or networking equipment or software is owned or provided by SEOLS). SEOLS customers shall not use any equipment or service (whether or not owned or provided by SEOLS) to bypass any SEOLS computer security or obtain unauthorized access to any SEOLS server, router or other networking equipment or software or to modify any SEOLS networking equipment or software.

Illegal use: If a customer engages in illegal conduct involving or relating to SEOLS equipment or software, SEOLS will notify and cooperate with law enforcement officials.

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Enforcement: Violation of this policy may result in the customer's library privileges being limited or revoked, removal of the customer from the building, or criminal prosecution if the conduct constitutes a violation of any Federal or State law or Municipal Code of the city in which the library is located. Penalties may range from dismissal from the library for the remainder of the day to revocation of all library privileges for a year or more. .

Confidentiality: all library computer use is subject to monitoring by authorized library staff. Actions taken by the library to enforce this policy shall be subject to the same requirements of confidentiality applying to other library uses.

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