Lied Public Library Policy

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Internet Policies

The Lied Public Library offers free Internet services to the community. The Internet is a global and electronic network, the Lied Public Library has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. The Internet and its available resources may contain material of a controversial nature. The Library is not responsible for the availability or accuracy of the information accessed online. The library may filter the internet in order to meet CIPA compliance (*see Internet Safety Policy*). The library stands by its policy that material selection is an individual matter and parents and legal guardians of minors assume responsibility for determining what is appropriate.

These policies apply to the use of library-owned equipment as well as the use of patrons' personal devices to access the internet via the library's public Wi-Fi, off-site Wi-Fi, or circulating hotspots.

The following rules govern access to the Internet from the Library:

- 1. Internet communications shall be considered private and confidentiality will be encouraged within the limits of a public environment, the technology of the equipment, and the requirements of law. The internet is not a secure private environment and internet use is done at one's own risk.
- 2. Internet access is available during normal library hours except at times of regular or emergency maintenance and during computer classes.
- 3. The Library does offer a wireless connection to the Internet for users with their own computer/wireless devices. Library staff can offer basic information for using the wireless connection but cannot help with any changes to the user's personal computer. (See Wireless Internet Policy Below)
- 4. Users must have a Library card or use a daily visitor pass to use computers and access the Internet.
- 5. If the Internet user chooses to save or download files, it must be to a personal device. The library is not responsible for any damage to personal devices.
- 6. It is the users' responsibility to comply with all local, state, and federal laws including but not limited to those concerning copyright, fraud, privacy, or obscenity.
- 7. As in the case of other materials in the Library's collection, any restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. The Lied Public Library cannot act as a censor or substitute parent. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to provide oversight to ensure their children's use of the Internet in an appropriate and safe manner, including the proper use of expensive computer equipment.
- 8. Violations of these rules, or any Library Policy, may lead to the suspension or revocation of Internet access through the Library.

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Laptop Internet Access and Wireless Policy

The Lied Public Library provides laptop Internet access in its small study room and large meeting room and wireless Internet access throughout the building, grounds, and any offsite locations.

- Users must comply with the Lied Public Library's Computer and Internet Policy when
 using Internet access and wireless access. The Computer and Internet Policy are posted
 in the Computer Lab and on the library's website.
- The Library's wireless network is not secure. Information sent from or to your device can be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and the appropriate software.
- Library staff cannot provide technical assistance and no guarantee can be provided that you will be able to make a wireless connection.
- The Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment or for laptop configurations, security, or data files resulting from connection to the Library's networks or the use of other facilities.