

Pine River Public Library District

Internet Use Policy

The Pine River Public Library offers public access to the Internet to meet the changing informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of a diverse community. Access to the Internet is only one way the library works to meet its goal of improving informational services to the community. The Internet is a worldwide computer network providing an almost unlimited amount of information. Not all information on the Internet is accurate, current, complete, legal or philosophically, morally or aesthetically acceptable to all users.

Although the library staff is able to offer suggestions and answer some questions, they cannot provide in-depth training on Internet and personal computer use except at specially designated times, e.g. classes or one-on-one appointments. Due to scheduling, staff may not always be available for extensive Internet/computer help.

The Following Uses of the Internet are Permitted

Users may access the Internet for research and the acquisition of information to address their educational, vocational, cultural, and recreational needs.

Users may use the Internet for the receipt and transmission of electronic mail (e-mail) as long as they use an e-mail service that will establish and maintain an account for them; the library is unable to manage e-mail accounts for any organizations or individuals.

Note: The library has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Pine River Public Library is required to provide a technology protection measure (filter) by state and federal regulations due to state law, (CRS 24-90-600).

The following list is not all-inclusive but states prohibited uses of the Internet at the Pine River Library:

- Spamming and Invasion of Privacy
- Sending of unsolicited bulk and/or commercial messages over the Internet using the Service or using the Service for activities that invade another person's privacy.
- Intellectual Property Right Violations
- Engaging in any activity that infringes or misappropriates the intellectual property rights of others, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, or any other proprietary right of any third party
- Obscene or Indecent Speech or Materials
- Using Pine River Library's network to advertise, solicit, transmit, store, post, display, or otherwise make available obscene or indecent images or other materials. Pine River Library will notify and fully cooperate with law enforcement if it becomes aware of any use of the Service in any connection with child pornography or the solicitation of sex with minors.
- Defamatory or Abusive Language

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- Using the Service to transmit, post, upload, or otherwise make available defamatory, harassing, abusive, or threatening material or language that encourages bodily harm, destruction of property or harasses another
- Forging of Headers
- Forging or misrepresenting message headers, whether in whole or in part, to mask the originator of the message
- Hacking
- Accessing illegally or without authorization computers, accounts, equipment or networks belonging to another party, or attempting to penetrate security measures of another system. This includes any activity that may be used as a precursor to an attempted system penetration, including, but not limited to, port scans, stealth scans, or other information gathering activity. Distribution of Internet Viruses, Trojan Horses, or Other Destructive Activities Distributing information regarding the creation of and sending Internet viruses, worms, Trojan Horses, ping, flooding, mailbombing, or denial of service attacks.
- Activities that disrupt the use of or interfere with the ability of others to effectively use the Node or any connected network, system, service, or equipment. Facilitating a Violation of this Agreement of Use Advertising, transmitting, or otherwise making available any software product, product, or service that is designed to violate this Agreement, which includes the facilitation of the means to spam, initiation of ping, flooding, mailbombing, denial of service attacks, and piracy of software
- Export Control Violations
- The transfer of technology, software, or other materials in violation of applicable export laws and regulations, including but not limited to the U.S. Export Administration Regulations and Executive Order
- Other Illegal Activities
- Using the Service in violation of applicable law and regulation, including, but not limited to, advertising, transmitting, or otherwise making available Ponzi schemes, pyramid schemes, fraudulently charging credit cards, pirating software, or making fraudulent offers to sell or buy products, items, or services.
- Resale
- The sale, transfer, or rental of the Service to customers, clients or other third parties, either directly or as part of a service or product created for resale.

Violations

Pine River Policy requests that anyone who believes that there is a violation of acceptable use of the Internet to please direct the information to: it@prlibrary.org

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 (the "DMCA") provides recourse for copyright owners who believe that material posted on Internet sites infringes their rights under U.S. copyright law. If you believe in good faith that items, information or other materials appearing on the Service infringes your copyright, you (or your agent) may send Pine River Library's Designated Agent a notice requesting that the item, information or material be removed, or access to it blocked. You can contact Pine River Library's Designated Agent at: it@prlibrary.org

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Expectations. Users should be aware that the inappropriate use of electronic information resources can be a violation of local, state, and federal laws and can lead to prosecution. The user will be held responsible for his/her actions using the Internet. Users are expected to abide by generally accepted rules of network etiquette. Unacceptable uses of the service will result in the suspension or revocation of Internet use privileges.

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