

	Authorized By:	Salt Lake County Library Board of Directors	
	Subject:	Internet Access and Computer Use Policy	
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Policy Statement

In fulfilling the mission of Salt Lake County Library Services (the County Library), technology is employed within library buildings to allow library patrons access to computers and the Internet for information, databases, software, and other services. Library patrons are encouraged to take full advantage of the library's computers and the Internet while exercising good judgment and discretion in their use of these valuable resources. Parents and legal guardians are responsible for monitoring their minor child's access to the library's computers and to the resources available on the Internet.

The Salt Lake County Library Board's policy is to provide Internet safety and Internet safety for minors by prohibiting Internet access to visual depictions of sexually explicit material that are child pornography, harmful to minors, or obscene. Consistent with county library policy and pursuant to Utah Code Annotated (UCA) 9-7-215 the county library employs a technology protection measure on all publicly accessible computers connected to the Internet and on the wireless Internet connection that is designed to block or filter visual depictions that are: I) child pornography, II) harmful to minors; or III) obscene; without, in as much as possible, infringing on the rights of county library patrons to access constitutionally protected materials.

In further compliance with UCA 9-7-215(4) an administrator, supervisor, or other representative of the County Library may disable a technology protection measure at the request of an adult library patron to enable access for research or other lawful purposes on the publicly accessible computers connected to the Internet.

The Salt Lake County Library Board of Directors has also approved filtering all publicly accessible Internet computers and wireless Internet access for online gambling in accordance with Utah Code Annotated (UCA) 76-10-1102 which establishes that gambling in any form is a class B misdemeanor.

Anyone who is found to have used County Library computers or wireless connection to access materials in violation of this policy may be subject to loss of County Library privileges and appropriate legal action. County Library staff violating this policy will also be subject to disciplinary action.

Patrons are not permitted to install programs or upload/download software or information to the publicly accessible computers from personal flash drives, CDs, CD-ROMs or the Internet.

Unauthorized access to the County Library's computers, peripherals, software or a database is

not permitted. Anyone attempting such unauthorized access or who acquires unauthorized access to any computer, software or peripherals or who damages any County Library property may lose all County Library privileges. Violators may also be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This policy applies to County Library staff and to the public.

To ensure equitable access to the use of the County Library's public computers and best manage capacity and demand, computer use may be limited by location depending on the demand for public computers at individual libraries. Extension of computer time may be granted with an override by library staff at their discretion and when another patron is not waiting for a computer.

Complaints about computer use, Internet access, enforcement of policy, or about observed patron behavior may be handled by library staff according to the procedures outlined in the Library Use Policy or the Reconsideration of Materials and Services Policy.

A notice of the availability of this Policy will be posted in a conspicuous place within all Salt Lake County libraries. This Policy will be reviewed by the Salt Lake County Library Board of Directors at least every three years and a copy of the new or reaffirmed policy sent to the Utah State Library Division in accordance with UCA 9-7-216 and Administrative Rule 458-2.

The Salt Lake County Library Services Internet Acceptable Use Policy adopted June 25, 2001 and the Computer Use Policy adopted October 23, 2000 were amended by the Internet Access and Computer Use Policy adopted on the 28th day of June, 2004. This amended Internet Access and Computer Use Policy was discussed and adopted in an opening meeting of the Salt Lake County Library Board of Directors on the 23rd day of April, 2007. The policy was amended in an open meeting of the Salt Lake County Library Board of Directors on February 23, 2009. The policy was reviewed and reaffirmed in an open meeting of the Salt Lake County Library Board of Directors on April 26, 2010. The policy was amended and adopted in an open meeting of the Salt Lake County Library Board of Directors on May 20, 2013. This policy was revised and adopted in an open meeting of the Salt Lake County Library Board of Directors on January 26, 2015. This policy was reviewed and reaffirmed in an open meeting of the Salt Lake County Library Board of Directors on May 23, 2016. This policy was reviewed and reaffirmed in an open meeting of the Salt Lake County Library Board of Directors on May 20, 2019.

Salt Lake County Library Board of Directors, Kristin Covili, Chair

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