

Baudette Public Library Internet Acceptable Use Policy

We are pleased to offer our patrons access to the Internet. Access to the Internet helps fulfill the library's mission to promote education, information, intellectual stimulation, and recreation to the citizens of Baudette and the surrounding area.

The library neither monitors nor has control over the information accessed through the Internet. As an information resource, the Internet enables the library to provide information far beyond the confines of its own collection. Currently, however, it is an unregulated medium. As such, it offers access to a wealth of material that is personally, professionally, and culturally enriching to individuals of all ages, but it also enables access to some material that may be interpreted as offensive, disturbing, or illegal. Further, not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, or current information.

The Internet is filtered and is in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) regulations. The Library cannot protect users from materials they may find offensive. The Library is not responsible for any online breakdowns by the Internet provider(s) nor for any virus downloaded by any user.

Note that restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the sole responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. As a result, you need to be aware of our library's Internet policy and sign a parental awareness form for your children to access the Internet. Parents may wish to read the guidelines for Child Safety on the Internet produced by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Interactive Services Association. A paper copy of this document is available at the library's front desk.

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INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE GUIDELINES BAUDETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

By using a public Internet workstation at the Baudette Public Library you agree to the following guidelines:

- Use of the Internet workstations is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Users will need to sign in at the circulation desk and will have a limit of 1 hour. Usage beyond 1 hour requires approval of library staff.
- A printer is available for printing from the Internet at \$.25 per page.
- No more than 2 people will be allowed at one time at a computer station, unless through approval of library staff.
- Library personnel will be available for initial help only, not for complete instruction or training on the computer or the Internet.
- All users of electronic information resources such as the Internet are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are provided. Irresponsible, unethical uses of such resources include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Using resources for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes.
 - Making unauthorized copies of copyrighted or licensed software or data.
 - Violating the privacy of others by misrepresenting oneself as another user; attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others; seeking unauthorized access to any computer system, damaging or altering software components of any network or data base, or interfering with other patrons using the public access workstations.
 - Sending, receiving, or displaying, text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene.
- Misuse or abuse of this computer or Internet access will result in suspension of Internet access privileges. Persons using this equipment agree not to make any changes to the setup or configuration of the software or hardware. Damages to software or hardware may result in disciplinary or legal action including, but not limited to, liability for all damages caused, including financial remuneration, and criminal prosecution under appropriate local state and federal laws.

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Internet Acceptable Use Policy and Internet Behavior Policy Agreement

**NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF LIBRARY
PERSONNEL**

I understand that when I am using the Internet or any other telecommunication environment, I must adhere to all rules of courtesy, etiquette and laws regarding access and copying information as prescribed by either Federal, State, or Local law. I understand that if I violate these policies I may face:

1. Restriction or loss of Internet access.
2. Disciplinary or legal action including, but not limited to, criminal prosecution under appropriate state and federal laws.

My signature below means that I understand and agree to follow the Acceptable Use Policy and Guidelines for the Baudette Public Library.

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