

## **INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE**

### *Buhl Public Library*

In an effort to provide a wide variety of information in a diversity of formats, the Buhl Public Library offers Internet accessibility to its patrons. The Internet allows users to connect to networks of resources outside the library.

### **ACCESS BY INDIVIDUALS – INCLUDING MINORS**

The Buhl Public Library affirms the rights of individuals of freedom of speech and the right to receive information. However, The Buhl Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet. Information on the Internet may be reliable and current or it may be inaccurate, out-of-date, offensive, or unavailable at times. Users must take responsibility for determining validity and appropriateness of information found on the internet.

The Internet may contain material that is inappropriate for viewing by minors. While the Library is in compliance with The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), it is a parent's right and responsibility to provide guidance for their own children's use of library materials and resources including electronic resources. The Buhl Public Library will not monitor sites, chat rooms, or other usage by children for parents. The Library encourages parents to work with their children to select material that is consistent with their personal family values.

### **USER SECURITY**

Use of the Library's Internet connection is not guaranteed to be private. Users should be aware that the Internet is not secure and third parties may be able to access information that users enter. The Library is not responsible for security breaches of a user's data or personal accounts. If you access your personal financial accounts, for example, you do so at your own risk. The Buhl Public Library will not release information on user activity unless required by law enforcement authorities.

### **UNACCEPTABLE USE OF THE COMPUTERS INCLUDES:**

- Uses for any purpose that violate applicable federal, state, or local laws including copyright laws.
- To send, receive, or display text or graphics that may be regarded as illegal or obscene, under the Minnesota Statutes Section 617.241 or create a hostile environment for other library users or staff.
- Interfering with or disrupting other computer users, services, or equipment.
- Attempting to change or damage computer equipment or software.
- Invading the privacy of others, including trying to change or access files, passwords, or data belonging to others.

## **RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF LIBRARY COMPUTERS**

- Due to limited resources available for providing public Internet access, the Library may set time limits for any individuals wishing to use the Internet. Library Staff may make exceptions to time limits when demand is light or heavy.
- Printing and faxing capabilities are available. Prompt payment is required by users who incur charges for printing or other authorized fees.

At any time Library Staff believes the user has failed to comply with Internet Policy and/or the Internet Rules of Conduct will result in the loss of Internet privileges at the Library.