

# Technology & Internet Use Policy

## Summary of Changes (2015 → 2026)

### **Purpose of Revision**

The Technology & Internet Use Policy was last updated in 2015. Since that time, library technology, cybersecurity risks, privacy standards, and patron expectations have evolved significantly. The revised policy modernizes language, strengthens legal compliance, and aligns technology use with current Baker County Library District policies and best practices.

### **Modernized Scope and Definitions**

The policy now explicitly includes Wi-Fi, personal devices, library-provided devices, and technology used in library programs, reflecting how patrons access library services today.

### **Stronger Privacy and Confidentiality Alignment**

The revised policy clarifies that the library does not routinely monitor individual internet use, distinguishes confidential library records from incident records, and reinforces compliance with Oregon law and the District's Privacy & Confidentiality Policy.

### **Cybersecurity Safeguards and User Responsibility**

New language describes reasonable safeguards used by the library while clearly outlining limits on guarantees and user responsibility for protecting personal information.

### **Updated Content Filtering Language (CIPA)**

Filtering language was updated to reflect current federal requirements and clarify adult users' ability to request lawful site adjustments within a reasonable timeframe.

### **Use by Minors and Parental Options**

The policy affirms minors' access to information while recognizing parental authority to request available account-level restrictions where supported by library systems.

### **Modernized Prohibited Uses**

Prohibited activities were reorganized and expanded to address cybersecurity threats, fraud, harassment, and unauthorized tampering with library equipment.

### **Shared Public Space Standards**

Behavior-based standards replace older content-specific prohibitions, allowing staff to manage shared spaces without restricting lawful access to information.

### **Consistent Enforcement and Appeals**

All enforcement and appeals are routed through the Library Use Restrictions Policy to ensure consistency and due process.