

Technology Use Policy

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Baker County Library District provides public access technology in effort to support digital literacy, and to enrich and empower our users with diverse needs and interests. Digital resources are valued as an indispensable element of intellectual freedom, enhancing the rights and abilities of individuals to choose information resources for themselves and to exercise free expression. By providing free access to materials and resources, the public library plays an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed.

The District is committed to providing public access technology with minimum downtime. Substantial efforts are made to provide a secure, easy, and confidential technology experience. Since technology is complicated, however, use of District services is entirely at the risk of the user. Use of District technology services requires and indicates acceptance of the following terms and conditions.

Rules Governing Use:

In compliance with Federal law, all BCLD Internet access is subject to a content filter intended to block visual depictions that are considered obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. The filter may not be disabled.

We cannot and do not guarantee the speed of our services. We also cannot and do not guarantee uninterrupted services. BCLD is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, inconveniences, or whatsoever damages, or loss of profit that may arise from the use of our services.

In order to provide equitable access, patrons may be asked to comply with signup and time limitations and other restrictions as deemed necessary by staff.

Library staff may be able to provide basic guidance on use of technology and assist with finding appropriate resources. But due to limited resources, in-depth assistance or advanced help with configuring and troubleshooting personal devices may not be available.

Patrons should use discretion and take appropriate cautions when choosing to access or share sensitive personal information through technology. Content and activity could potentially be intercepted or observed by others in the vicinity, subsequent users, hackers, corporate, or government entities.

Because technology is located in public areas and the District serves people of all ages, activity may not be confidential. Patrons should use discretion and take appropriate cautions to avoid exhibiting content or behavior they wish to remain private or that may be disturbing to other library users. Staff may redirect users to an alternative library space to enhance privacy or avoid interference with others' use and enjoyment of the library.

Access by Minors

The District upholds the right of each individual to access constitutionally-protected material. The District also affirms the right and responsibility of parents and legal guardians to determine and monitor their own children's use of library resources and the Internet. To assist parents in their responsibility, the District provides specially-selected resources for children and young adults, although access by minors is not restricted to these resources. Concerned parents are recommended to accompany their child while visiting the library.

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Prohibited activities:

While using the District's public access technology, one may not:

- Use another person's library card to access a computer workstation, except in their presence.
- Play audio at a volume that can easily be heard by others, except in designated areas.
- Publicly exhibit graphic violence in clear view of others.
- Access content that could reasonably be considered sexually explicit for gratuitous purpose, as determined by District staff.
- Exhibit, print, or send any material that is obscene, libelous, defamatory, threatening, harassing, or otherwise illegal, as defined by relevant laws.
- Promote or encourage criminal or terrorist activities of any sort.
- Deliberately download, install, create or run any harmful, intrusive, or resource intensive programs that will interfere with operations or the usage of our services by others.
- Send unsolicited or fraudulent materials, including but not limited to: unsolicited emails (i.e. SPAM mail), mass-marketing mails, hate mail, unsolicited instant messages, unsolicited SMS, or identity theft or scam related materials, etc.
- Alter District equipment, systems, or software without authorization.
- Scan (eg. port scanning, running proxy hunters) or break into other computers, servers, or networks on the internet.
- Transmit malware such as viruses/trojans/worms, etc. to other computers on the internet.
- Hack or attack other computers, servers, or networks, or hack District servers and resources.
- Engage in receiving and the distribution of pirated copyright materials, such as, but not limited to Pirated DVDs, Pirated CDs, Pirated Software.
- Disclose, use or disseminate a minor's personal information without parental authorization.

In addition to violating this policy, many of the listed activities may violate local, state, or federal laws. Some prohibited activities may be permitted when part of library programming, or as authorized by the Library Director.

Refusal to comply with these or other District rules may result in loss of technology privileges, ejection from District property, or summoning of law enforcement, as determined by the Library Use Restrictions Policy

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