James Kennedy Public Library
Internet Access and Acceptable Use Policy

Public access to the Internet is provided by the James Kennedy Public Library as a supplement to other library materials, resources, and services. The Internet is a global electronic network of information with a highly diverse user population. The Internet and its resources may contain information that is inaccurate, controversial, or offensive. The James Kennedy Public Library has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Patrons who find information or subject matter that is erroneous, out-of-date, illegal, offensive, and / or controversial should contact the original producer or distributor of that work directly.

Just as the library does not restrict access to other material forms and formats, we cannot refuse access to Internet content that someone may deem objectionable. The principles of intellectual freedom that apply to the traditional print library also apply to the modern digital library.

As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian. Parents or guardians, not the library or its staff, are responsible for the Internet information selected and /or accessed by their child/children. Parents or guardians – and only parents or guardians – may restrict their child/children – and only their child/children – from access to Internet resources accessible through the library. For more information, please see our policy on *Electronic Intellectual Freedom.*

The JKPL cannot guarantee confidentiality over the Internet. Patrons entering personal information (credit card numbers, social security numbers, etc.) do so at their own risk.

Library staff cannot provide in-depth training concerning Internet computer terminology or personal computer use. We may, however, be able to offer searching suggestions and answer questions. Internet reference books are available for your use.

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JAMES KENNEDY PUBLIC LIBRARY
POLICY ON ELECTRONIC INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM

Consistent with our mission and the professional principles of public librarianship, our Internet Access Policy affirms the safeguarding of First Amendment rights, intellectual freedom, equity of access, confidentiality of information about users and their use of all library resources including electronic. The library affirms the following principles and user rights as delineated in the American Library Association's Access to Digital Information, Services and Networks: an Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights (https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/digital):

1. Digital information, services, and networks provided by libraries should be readily, equally, and equitably accessible to all library users.

2. Libraries and librarians should not deny or limit access to information available via digital resources because of its controversial content or because of personal beliefs or fear of confrontation.

3. Information retrieved or utilized digitally should be considered constitutionally protected unless determined otherwise by a court with appropriate jurisdiction.

4. Responsibility for and any restrictions of, a child's use of the Internet rests solely with his or her parents or legal guardian.

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Internet Access and Conduct

1. Free access to the library's computers is available to Dyersville city residents, those who have purchased full service memberships, and residents of those communities who are paying equitably for library service as defined by the Board of Trustees of the James Kennedy Public Library. Those eligible for free computer use are encouraged to get a JKPL library card to expedite their use of the library's computers. All others may use the library computers by paying a fee of $1.00 per half hour or any portion thereof.

2. The Internet access computers are normally available during all hours of operation.

3. When logging in, users must enter a pin number and agree to the Internet Use Guidelines. Users are expected to understand and abide by these guidelines.

4. Reserve time is scheduled for one-hour per day. Users must check in within five (5) minutes of scheduled time or lose the reservation.

5. No more than two people may use a computer station at one time, except for adults with small children.

6. Use of the library's Internet for illegal or unethical purposes is prohibited. It is unacceptable to visit "adult only" sites on library computers. What is offensive to one person may not be to another, but the JKPL Board has determined that adult only sites (labeled as such on the site) are not appropriate in this setting.

7. Since the computers on which the public can access the Internet are located in a public area, which must be shared by library users of all ages, backgrounds and sensibilities, individuals are asked to consider this when accessing potentially controversial information and images. The library reserves the right to ask individuals to discontinue the display of information and images that cause a disruption. The library has privacy screens available for adults who wish to view personal or confidential information. The library also has laptops available to check out for use within the library.

8. Patrons found violating this policy will be warned of the violation and repeat offenders will be asked to sign out of the library computers for the day. Repeat offenders may also be banned from computer use for a longer period of time.

9. Patrons are expected to abide by the JKPL Conduct in the Library Policy while in the library, including while using the library computers.

10. Patrons may download and / or save programs and documents to their own storage devices only. The security on the library computers will automatically erase any information or documents saved onto the hard drive. Please note, software downloaded from the Internet may contain viruses. The James Kennedy Public Library is not responsible for damage to a patron's disk or computer, or for any loss of data, damage, or liability that may occur from the patron's use of the library's computer.

11. Cost of black and white printing is $0.15 per page for letter size paper. Color printing is $0.50 per page for letter size. Larger sizes are $0.20 for black and white and $1.00 for color.

12. Patrons may not always be able to access sites on the Internet. There are a number of reasons that may apply:
    1. The host computer has closed or limited access due to a high number of users.
    2. The database or resource you are trying to access is licensed and access is limited.
    3. The host computer has changed its Internet address or has closed down.
    4. The library's Internet connection may be periodically or temporarily inoperable due to technical difficulties.

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