

Northwood Public Library Internet Access Policy

Internet, which is a natural extension of traditional library service, is available at the library. It will provide access to the same type of materials already found at the library, but access will be broader and faster.

The Northwood Public Library cannot monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. The internet is a global entity with a highly diverse user population. Just as we do not restrict an individual's access to printed information, we cannot refuse access to internet content that someone else may deem objectionable. The principles of intellectual freedom that apply to the traditional library also apply to the internet. However, the library is a shared public space by users of all ages, backgrounds, and sensibilities. Individuals are asked to consider this when accessing potentially controversial information and images. The library staff reserves the right to ask individuals to discontinue the display of information and images that cause disruption. **Illegal acts involving the library's computers may be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities. It is against Iowa law to download or provide child pornography or to display any type of pornography where it may be seen by children. (Iowa Code, Chapter 728.2)**

The Northwood Public Library reserves the right to terminate internet access privileges of any individual who does not follow the policy as stated above. As with any other materials, restriction of a child to the internet is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Guidelines:

1. To access the internet, patrons must be in good standing with the library. Visitors to the community may use the computer by signing a user agreement form.
2. All users of the library public access internet computers must sign an Internet Access Agreement form. All internet users under the age of 12 must co-sign with a parent or guardian. By signing this agreement, individuals agree that their privileges may be suspended or revoked if the user guidelines are violated.
3. Patrons may contact the library to **reserve** the computer for 1 hour at a time.
4. If another patron is waiting to use a computer a 30 minute time limit is applied.

5. An overall limit of 1 hour per day is applied to patrons using a computer. Exceptions will be made for those taking tests or completing other time sensitive items. Please check with the library director for extended computer use.
6. Email, on our site, is not available to library patrons.
7. Within the copyright guidelines, patrons may print black and white copies at 15¢ per page or color copies at 25¢ per page.
8. No food or drink is allowed in the computer area, and any damage caused by either will be the responsibility of the computer user.
9. Persons accessing the library's internet network through wireless technology shall also observe these same guidelines.
10. The Northwood Public Library is not responsible for any loss, damage, or liability that may result from a patron's use of the library computers.

Northwood Public Library Internet Access Agreement Form (Adult- over age 12)

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A time limit of 30 minutes will be applied when others are waiting and an overall time limit of 1 hour per day will be enforced unless given exception by the library staff for a time sensitive situation like a test or job application.

I am an adult patron of the Northwood Public Library. I have read and accept all terms and conditions of the Northwood Public Library Internet Access Policy.

I hereby agree to accept and abide by all such terms and conditions, and further agree and acknowledge that failure to abide by these may result in loss of all computer privileges.

Printed Name

Date

Signature

Northwood Public Library Parental Permission for Internet Access by Child (12 & under)

As the parent or legal guardian of _____

I grant permission for my minor child to use the library's internet service. I accept full responsibility for my child's use of the internet. I agree that the library does not have the responsibility to act in my place as parent/guardian. By signing this permission form, we agree to accept and abide by all terms and conditions of the Northwood Public Library Internet Access Policy. We also agree that failure to abide by all terms and conditions of the policy may result in loss of all computer privileges.

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Signature of Minor _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

Telephone Number _____