

# **Madison Valley Public Library Internet and Computer Use Policy**

Madison Valley Public Library seeks to provide quality Library services to all users in a safe and pleasant environment. We offer internet access as a resource to be used responsibly, legally, and with respect for other patrons.

The internet provides access to a wide variety of information and services whose contents may be offensive to some. Not all sources on the internet provide accurate, complete, or current information. Patrons must exercise judgement and evaluate for themselves the value of the information found online.

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- Does not filter content on Public Access Computers (PAC). At the request of parents or caregivers, we do offer tablets for children that use content filters.
- Cannot guarantee private or secure data.
- Does not assume responsibility for personal devices, although this policy applies to patrons' personal devices using MVPL internet in public areas.
- Limits initial access on PACs to a one hour per session; additional time may be given at staff discretion.

Inappropriate use may result in cancellation of privileges or involvement of law enforcement. Inappropriate use of wired and wireless internet provided by MVPL includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Uses that alter or destroy MVPLs PACs, system, network or equipment in any way.
- Uses that violate the law or encourage others to violate local, state or federal law.
- Uses that cause harm to others or damage to their property.
- Uses that jeopardize the security of access of the computer network or other networks on the internet.
- Uses that compromise the safety and security of minors when using or viewing internet content, email, chat rooms or other forms of electronic communications, or material in violation of MCA 45-8-201 and/or 45-8-206.
- Viewing pornographic, sexually explicit or visually disturbing material.
- Uses that repeatedly interrupt other patrons' ability to use the library in a safe and pleasant environment.

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