

Payson Public Library Internet & Public Use Services Policy:

In accordance with the mission of the Payson Public Library, internet access is provided to library patrons for education, research, and entertainment. The Library has no control over the information accessed through the Internet, some of which may be inaccurate, incomplete, dated, or offensive. Users are responsible for critically evaluating the information they access.

The Payson Public Library has filters in place on all internet computers, however these filters are NOT fail proof. The Payson Public Library is not responsible for information or images accessed through our computers. If you have mistakenly navigated to a questionable site please turn off your monitor and ask a staff member for immediate assistance. Library users access the Internet at their own risk.

Library Staff may monitor or log the activity of any public computer that they suspect is being used in violation of the law or library policy.

The Library provides an open, filtered, unsecured network to the public. Library staff will not be responsible for the loss of privacy, damages, or loss of information caused by the use of the public internet services. The staff of the Payson Public Library is happy to provide basic computer use advice to patrons using the Public Access Internet Computers as time allows. Library Staff cannot handle computers or other devices that are not owned by the library. Accessing WEB PROXY sites is not permitted.

ACCESS TO OBSCENE, PORNOGRAPHIC, OR SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIALS TO POST, VIEW, READ, OR PRINT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN.

All users who access these types of materials will be banned from the library for a period of 30 days. Upon a second occurrence the offending user will be trespassed for one year and permanently barred from internet access at the library. Access to child pornography or to an obscene, pornographic, or sexually explicit site when there is a minor present will result in immediate police intervention and criminal charges. The Payson Public Library is fully aware of and concerned for, a safe educational Internet experience of children despite the unregulated nature of the Internet. ARS Title 34, Chapter 5 (Computer Access Harmful to Minors: ARS 34-501 & ARS 34- 502) regulates public libraries. ARS 13-

3507 – Public display of explicit sexual materials; classification and other pertinent ARS statutes: 13-3501, 13-3502, and 13-3506 are available at the reference desk.

THE INTERNET & PUBLIC USE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE MUST BE USED AS INSTALLED. YOU MAY NOT ADD, DELETE, OR CHANGE ANYTHING ON LIBRARY COMPUTERS.

PATRONS MAY NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, USE THEIR OWN PERSONAL SOFTWARE ON LIBRARY COMPUTERS. You cannot save anything to our computers, the CD drive is not available for saving materials. You may bring a USB/Jump drive for the purpose of saving documents. The Payson Public Library is not responsible for damage to any user's disk, USB/Jump drive or computer, or the loss of data, damage, or liability that may occur from patron downloads of the Internet on the library computers.

All public computers will automatically shut down 20 minutes before close work that has not been saved to an external drive or email will be lost. Please, watch your time!

Use of library computers will be on a first come, first served basis. No reservations. Users are provided one hour of Public Access Computer use each day. We currently have 12 Internet computers, which are equipped with the Microsoft Office Suite and are connected to printers. If all 12 Public Access Internet Computers are busy, you may sign the waiting list, and we will call the next person on the list as a computer becomes available. If you are not in the building when it is your turn we will go on to the next person on the list. Once you have signed in, you are responsible for any sites accessed and any infractions that take place during your sign in period. Do not share your time with someone else or fail to sign out, as you will be held responsible.

Internet & Public Use Computer users may not:

- Use the network to make unauthorized entry into other computation, information, or communication services or resources
- Distribute unsolicited advertising
- Represent himself or herself as another person, real or imagined

- Transmit or Display threatening, obscene, harassing, libelous, or slanderous materials
- Invade the privacy of others
- Use the Internet or Public Use Computers for any illegal activity, including violation of copyright or other rights of third parties, or in a manner inconsistent with the Library's tax-exempt status or its proper operation. Library users are responsible for any consequences of copyright infringement.
- Use the Internet for activity that violates Arizona law. This includes: engaging in activities that are harmful to minors when children are present, as defined in ARS 13-3501, 13-3506, and 13- 3507 and committing telecommunications fraud as defined in ARS 13-3707.