

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.

Wi-Fi Access & Use:

If you have a laptop computer and prefer using a wireless internet connection, you can do that now at the Payson Public Library. The same guidelines that are in place for using the regular computers will apply to patrons using the wireless service.

Patrons who wish to use wireless access must agree to and sign the computer use policy at the podium near the reference desk. Wireless access is also available for organizations using the Library Meeting Room. Wireless access is available 24 hours outside of the building.

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 WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS OF PRIVACY, DAMAGES, OR LOSS OF INFORMATION CAUSED BY USE OF 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. Due to limited bandwidth, access to streaming video and multi-player RPG games may also be prohibited.

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.

Payson Public Library Internet Use Policy Relating to Preventing Minors from Gaining Access to Visual Depictions that are Child Pornography, Harmful to Minors, or Obscene:

The Payson Public Library ("Library") is fully aware of and concerned for a safe educational Internet experience for children despite the unregulated nature of the Internet. A.R.S. 34-501 and 502 (Computer Access Harmful to Minors) requires public libraries to adopt policies to prevent minors from gaining access to Internet sites containing content harmful to minors. The Library provides filtered access to the Internet for its patrons in order to adhere to the requirements set forth in the Arizona Revised Statutes and the Federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Because filtering software is inherently imperfect, although the Library strives to appropriately filter Internet content, the Library cannot guarantee that all Internet content will be appropriately filtered at all times. Pursuant to A.R.S. 34-502(C) adult library patrons may request unfiltered Internet access for research or other lawful purposes. Such requests should be directed to the reference desk and may require up to 24 hours advance notice. Disabling the Internet filter in no way exempts the requesting patron from A.R.S. 13-3507 which criminalizes the "public display of explicit sexual

material.” A.R.S. 13-3501, 13-3502, 13-3506, 13-3507, 34-501, and 34-502 are available at the reference desk. This Policy was adopted at a public meeting by the Town Council on November 21, 2013 pursuant to the requirements of A.R.S. 34-502(E).

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 COMPUTERS WILL BE SHUT DOWN 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLOSING. All work not saved prior to the automatic shutdown of computers will be lost.

Internet & Public Use Computer users may not:

- Use the network to make unauthorized entry into other computational, informational, 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 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.