

# Lompoc Public Library System

## Computer & Internet Usage Policy

### **Children's Internet Policy (12 and younger)**

Children may use their Black Gold Library card to use the internet.

Adults are allowed to use the children's internet area only if they are parents or caregivers working directly with a child in their care.

Internet stations are turned off 10 minutes prior to closing

The child internet computers are filtered.\*

Internet users are NOT allowed to:

- Install or run software
  - Modify, unplug, or remove equipment
  - Reconfigure systems or software
  - Reboot or turn off the equipment
- Violation of this policy will result in suspension of internet privileges for a period of time determined by the youth services librarian.

\*Note to parents:

The Library has no control over the effectiveness of its filtering software. The Library does not guarantee that its filtering software is effective or error-free. Neither is the Library responsible for the inadvertent restriction of access to desirable or necessary information that may result from the use of filtering software.

Parents and legal guardians have the responsibility to oversee their child's exposure to and use of the Internet. Parents and children are encouraged to seek guidance from Library staff, visit <http://www.netismartz.org> (National Center for Missing and Exploited Children), and visit the Youth Services section on the Library's website regarding websites of interest to children.

### **Teen Internet Policy (13-17 years of age)**

You must have a Black Gold Library card to use the teen computers. You must use your own library card.

The monitoring of a minor's use of the Internet, like other Library materials and services, is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian.

The teen internet stations are filtered.\*

Internet stations are turned off 10 minutes prior to closing

Internet Users are NOT allowed to:

- Install or run software not already on the computer
- Modify, unplug, or remove equipment
- Reconfigure systems or software, or in any way interfere with current system set-up
- Reboot or turn off equipment

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### **Adult Internet Policy (18 and older)**

Internet use is restricted to educational, informational, and recreational purposes only. Unauthorized, illegal, or unethical use or sending, displaying, or receiving text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as pornographic is NOT ALLOWED and will result in loss of Internet privileges.

Internet users are NOT allowed to:

- install or run software not already on computer;
- modify, unplug, or remove equipment;
- reconfigure systems or software, or in any way interfere with current system set-up;
- reboot or turn off equipment.

Adult Internet stations are available, with the following guidelines:

- Adult Internet stations are available for patrons 18 years of age and older.
- A Black Gold library card is required to access the internet. You must use your own library card.
- Fines on your library card must not exceed \$40.00 in order to use the internet computers.
- If you have forgotten your library card, staff at the information desk will look up your barcode number a maximum of one time and you must provide ID.
- Use of the Internet is limited to 120 minutes per person per day.
- Internet reservations for a specific future time or date cannot be made. You must physically be present at the Library to make a reservation. You will have five minutes to log in to your computer before your reservation time will expire and your computer will become available to other patrons.

- Up to 2 people are allowed to use an Internet station at one time, unless their conversation is disturbing other library users. A parent and child may use an adult station together, but the adult must remain with the child during the entire session.
- Internet stations are turned off 10 minutes prior to closing.
- A business/job searching computer is available and is scheduled in 2-hour increments. You must reserve this computer at the Information desk and your activities on the unit must relate to business or job searching at all times. The time on this unit is in addition to your 120 minutes using the adult internet stations.

Note: The Library has no control over the information on the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content.

Disregard for these guidelines will mean loss of internet privileges.