PLUMAS COUNTY LIBRARY
COMPUTER AND INTERNET USAGE POLICY

The Library makes the Internet available to the public for free in an effort to broaden and enhance its existing collection and to provide a greater span of knowledge and information. A Library card is not required to use the computer workstations. Patrons are expected to be knowledgeable in basic computer operations. Library staff can only offer minimal individualized instruction.

The Library supports the ALA Bill of Rights for use of the Internet as with all other library materials. There is no age restriction for use of the Internet or library computers.
The Library maintains blocking software on all library computers in compliance with the Child Internet Protection Act. However, no blocking software can block all objectionable websites, and blocking software may block material that is legal and constitutionally protected.   Parents are responsible for guiding their own children's access to resources on the Internet. If you are over 18 and wish to access a site that has been blocked, please ask staff to do that for you.

The Library encourages responsible and safe Internet use. Patrons are advised never to give personal or credit information via the Internet, and never to answer "junk" e-mail solicitations.
Internet resources may provide erroneous, misleading, outdated or incomplete information. Library staff may be able to help you find alternative resources, or help you evaluate the materials you find.

The following rules are established to ensure that the use of Internet and other Library computers is in keeping with the objectives of the Plumas County Library, and to guarantee their availability to all future users:

- Users may sign up for 1/2 hour time slots, and are limited to 1/2 hour unless no one is waiting for the system. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Library staff. The library is not responsible for work or information lost due to time-out, or due to computer or system malfunction.
- Users must promptly relinquish their computer terminal when asked by staff to do so.
- The Library reserves the right to monitor the system for assistance and security.
- Users wishing to download any information onto floppy disk may purchase a formatted disk from the Library. Users may leave their disk at the Library for re-use; disks will be discarded after 2 months of non-use. Users wishing to print any information will pay 20¢ per page.
- Internet users are expected to act in a responsible, ethical and legal manner. Users may not use Library computers to access Internet sites that are obscene, "harmful to minors," or that contain pornography. Users may not use the workstations for any illegal activity, including violating copyright laws or software licensing agreements.
- No user shall use the system in such a way that it will disrupt the use of the system by others. This includes installing programs, changing parameters or other abuse of the system. Patrons causing any damage will be liable for the cost of repairs.
- Failure to use Internet/computer stations legally, responsibly and in a manner consistent with the objectives of the Plumas County Library may result in loss of Internet/computer privileges.

Use of the library's computers indicates that users have read and agreed to the policy.