# Armoral Tuttle Public Library Policy

# **Internet Access and Use Policy**

The Armoral Tuttle Public Library (ATPL) provides access to the Internet on all of its public workstations, as well as wirelessly to patron's personal devices. The intent of this policy is to provide guidelines for patrons and staff regarding Internet access and use.

## **Use of Internet**

In order to ensure a positive library experience for everyone, the library requires that all patrons using public workstations or personal devices:

- Use the Internet only for lawful purposes. Complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including laws governing the transmission and dissemination of information while accessing the Internet.
- Refrain from viewing pornographic visual materials or content that by contemporary community standards would be considered obscene.
- Not use Internet sessions in a manner that is deliberately offensive or creates a hostile or intimidating environment.
- Respect the security of the network.

#### **Internet Security**

It is the policy of ATPL to (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via the Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors.

#### **Internet Filtering**

In compliance with Idaho Code 33-2741 that requires Internet content filtering on publicly accessible wireless internet devices. Wireless Content Filtering became effective October 2019.

In compliance with Idaho Code 33-2741 and the Children's Internet Protection Act, the ATPL Board of Trustees approved the implementation of Internet filtering software on all of its computers as of October 1, 2012.

All computers with Internet access are filtered according to the protocols of Idaho Code 33-2714 and the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

## Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information.

Specifically, as required by the Idaho Code and the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

## **Inappropriate Network**

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the ATPL online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking,' and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

# Internet access and use by minors (persons under the age of 18 years):

Parents or legal guardians will assume responsibility for their children's use of the Internet. While the library affirms and acknowledges the rights and responsibilities of parents and guardians to monitor and determine their children's access to the Internet, the library must comply with Idaho statutes and federal law.