



## **Internet Policy**

The North Dakota State Library provides free Internet access and use of computers to the public for research, recreational, and educational purposes. You do not need to be a patron of the State Library or possess a State Library Card to use the computers.

In accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the North Dakota State Library does filter our Internet access for pictures that are obscene, contain child pornography, or are harmful to minors. The State Library will provide unfiltered Internet access to adults who request it. In addition to filtering to meet CIPA standards, the Information Technology Department (ITD) filters all state government computers for content and websites used for hacking, containing malware, criminal activities, or otherwise deemed harmful to the state network.

The North Dakota State Library computers may not be used for hacking, sending malware, or attempting to otherwise compromise any computer or network system. Software, including games and other applications, may not be loaded onto the hard drives of the public access computers. Downloading large files, such as video and audio performances, is not permitted.

Computers at the State Library may not be used for harassing, cyberbullying, soliciting and/or threatening via e-mail or other electronic means; conducting illicit transactions or conspiring to commit crimes or violate any local, state or federal statute; including the public display of pornography or obscenity as defined by NDCC 12.1-27.1.

Usage is limited to fifteen minutes per day, subject to availability. The public access computers may be unavailable without notice for training purposes or maintenance.

The computers will reset to default settings after each log out. Documents, web pages, bookmarks, shortcuts, etc. will not be saved to the hard drives of our public access computers. If you need to save a document, please use a USB flash drive. We do not provide flash drives.

Patrons printing from our computers may collect their copies at the reference desk. There is a charge of .10 per page. Failure to pay for copies may result in loss of computer privileges.

Anyone found in violation of the above policies or the Patron Behavior Policy may have computer privileges revoked for an indefinite period of time. For a copy of the Patron Behavior Policy, please ask one of the librarians on duty. The State Library reserves the right to limit the use of the public access computers for any reason. This policy may change or be revised at any time.