

# **Internet Safety Policy for Kimball Centennial Library**

## **Introduction**

It is the policy of Kimball Centennial Library to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via 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; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254 (h)].

## **Definitions**

Key Terms are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act.

## **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 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.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

## **Inappropriate Network Usage**

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Kimball Centennial Library 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.

## **Supervision and Monitoring**

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Kimball Centennial Library staff to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

Procedures for disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Kimball Centennial Library Director or designated representatives.

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, the library utilizes a technology protection measure that block access to images deemed:

- a. Obscene;
- b. Child pornography; or
- c. Harmful to minors (for computers that are accessed by minors).

The library does not monitor and has no control over the information published by third parties that is accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for any such content accessed on the Internet (Section 230).

Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult caregiver over the age of 18 years. Library staff will not be responsible for the supervision of children in the library. Parents or adult caregivers must assume responsibility for their children's access to and use of the library's facilities and resources. Further parents and adult caregivers are expected to monitor and supervise the children's use of the library's facilities and resources, including but not limited to the internet, in selecting material that is consistent with personal and family values. Parents and adult caregivers are cautioned that the library and its available resources may contain materials that some may find controversial.

## **Adoption**

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the board of Kimball Centennial Library at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on 11/21/2024.

## **Harmful to Minors.**

The term “harmful to minors” as specifically set out in SDCL 22-24-27(4) includes in its meaning the quality of any material or of any performance or of any description or representation, in whatever form, of nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sado-masochistic abuse, if it:

- a. Predominantly appeals to the prurient, shameful, or morbid interest of minors;  
and
- b. Is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable material for minors; and
- c. Is without serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

Further, the library in compliance with SDCL 22-24-27(11) does not collect materials found to violate the same.

## **Sexual Act; Sexual Contact.**

The Terms “sexual act” and “sexual contact” have the meanings given such terms in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.