

Dorothee Pike Memorial Library Internet Usage/Unattended Children/Material Selection Policy

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Internet Usage Policy in compliance with the South Dakota Law HB1197

1. Each Dorothee Pike Memorial Library computer is equipped with the WebTitan HQ filtering service that limits a minor's ability to gain access to obscene materials as defined by South Dakota Codified Law 22-24-27. This is to comply with the Children Internet Protection Act (CIPA) South Dakota Codified Law 22-24-27. The library has partnered with WebTitan filtering system to block access to obscene and inappropriate sites in compliance with CIPA and South Dakota Codified Law 22-24-56.
2. The library upholds the right to have access to constitutionally protected material. The library also affirms the right and responsibility of parents to determine and monitor their children's use of library materials and resources.
3. Prospective users will sign and accept an Acceptable Internet Use Contract. Youth under 18 years of age will be required to have written parental or guardian permission to use the Internet. The library assumes no responsibility for the use of the Internet by children.

Unattended Children Policy

Policy: The Dorothee Pike Memorial Library encourages visits by children and wants their visits to be enjoyable and memorable.

-Library staff is not responsible for the supervision of children in the library. Children under the age of 8 years old must be accompanied by a parent or responsible guardian over the age of 12. If a child is left unattended, library staff will attempt to locate a parent or guardian. Parents or guardians must be responsible for the children's access to and use of library resources and Internet, selecting material that complies with their parental consent.

Material Selection Policy

1. Policy: Dorothee Pike Memorial Library aims to serve all community members with regard to their interests, informational, creative and recreational needs. In compliance with South Dakota Codified Law, the library does not collect materials in violation of Section 22-24-27 (11)
 - a. The responsibility of the Dorothee Pike Memorial Library staff is to choose books and other library materials that have values of interest information and enrichment for all individuals of the community. Under no circumstance will the library exclude materials because of race, nationality or the social, political or religious views of the authors.
 - b. Books and materials provided will present all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times.
 - c. The responsibility for selection of library materials is with the library director. If any materials should come into question they shall be brought to the library board for determination.

2. Criteria for Determining Censorship of Materials

- a. Exclusions for books/materials: obscenity, child pornography, defamation and “fighting words” or speech that incites immediate and imminent lawless action.

Definition of obscenity: to be considered obscene, literary material must possess all three of the following categories.

- Predominant theme appeals to prurient, shameful or morbid interest
- Lacks literary, artistic, political or scientific value
- Patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community.

The above policy will be posted on the Dorothee Pike Memorial Library’s website (www.dorotheepikememorial.yoursdlibrary.org) and the Lake Preston City website.

Forms Available

Acceptable Internet Use Form

Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials or Resources