

Policy Title: Computer and Internet Use Policy
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1. Purpose and Scope

The NAU Library, through NAU's IT Services, provides Internet access for educational and personal use. This access expands opportunities to explore global resources and become familiar with advanced information technologies. While the Internet offers a vast amount of educational content, it is an unregulated medium that changes rapidly and unpredictably. As a result, information found online may not always be accurate, complete, or current. The purpose of this policy is to clarify the Library's responsibilities and provide guidelines to patrons regarding the use of computers and Internet services within the Library.

2. Policy

Library patrons are responsible for evaluating the validity and appropriateness of content accessed through library computers and Internet services. Library staff can assist patrons in locating online resources and provide training upon request. However, the Internet contains websites with questionable or unethical material, and the library and its staff are not responsible for content displayed on the Web.

Illegal use of the Internet, including, but not limited to, viewing child pornography or obscene material and violating copyright laws, is strictly prohibited. Such actions may result in loss of student and library privileges and/or criminal prosecution.

In accordance with the Library Code of Conduct, computer users are expected to use library workstations responsibly and respectfully, ensuring their activities do not disturb other patrons. Library staff reserves the right to ask that patrons engaged in nonacademic or recreational activities, particularly those that involve group gatherings or create elevated noise levels, relocate to other places on the campus, where such activities are better accommodated.

Please see the NAU Appropriate Use of Information Technology Resources Policy for more details:

<https://www.na.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/ITO.101-Appropriate-Use-of-Information-Technology-ResourcesPolicy.pdf>

3. Procedures

Library staff will assist patrons in locating information resources using library computers and Internet services. Staff will also ensure compliance with the Library Code of Conduct and remain vigilant against any illegal Internet use. Patrons who violate the Computer and Internet Use Policy will be required to leave the library immediately.

4. Who Should Read This Policy

- Students
- Faculty
- Staff

5. History

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6. Policy Approval

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