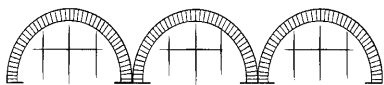


# Internet & Computer Use Policy

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Livingston Lord Library

The Internet is a matrix of networks connecting computers around the world, forming an electronic communications and information network. The Internet contains information of varied quality and content. Moorhead State University's Livingston Lord Library does not limit access to material available over the Internet, nor does it protect users from finding information they may consider controversial or inappropriate.

The acceptable use of the Library's computing facilities is in support of research, library instruction and instructional technology training, and other intellectual pursuits consistent with Moorhead State University's mission and objectives.

Users are to follow all University policies related to computer resources. See the Computer Center's statement – *Guidelines for use of MSU Computer and Network Systems* – available on the Internet:

**<http://www.moorhead.msus.edu/home/Policy/Guide.htm>**

Moorhead State University Library affirms the right of each individual to have access to constitutionally protected material. According to the *American Library Association's Bill of Rights*, materials should “not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views

While the Library recognizes the right of all users to access resources of their choosing, Internet users in the Library have the responsibility to be aware of materials that may be objectionable to others when using computers in the Library. Library equipment may not be used to display or print materials that might be defined as harassing or obscene.

### **Priority of Use**

Computers in the Library Instruction/ Instructional Technology Center (LIT Center) are for use by current Tri-College students, faculty, and staff only. Computers elsewhere in the Library are for priority use by Tri-College students, faculty, and staff. You may be asked to show your current Tri-College identification card.

The Library is a facility for research. Because Library computer resources are limited, the Library's computers are not to be used for Internet "chat" (including MUDs, MOOs, or Internet Relay Chat) or game playing. Reading e-mail is also not considered a "priority" use of Library computers.

## Copyright/Software

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*(Guidelines for Use of MSU Computer and Network Systems)*. Software provided in the Library can only be used on the computer equipment specified in the software license. It is against University policy to copy or reproduce any licensed software on University computing equipment, except as expressly permitted by the software license. Users may not use unauthorized copies of software on University-owned computers or on personal computers housed in University facilities.

## Web Sites

MSU Library Internet & Computer Use Policy:

**<http://www.moorhead.msus.edu/library/internetpolicy.htm>**

Guidelines for Use of MSU Computer and Network Systems:

**<http://www.moorhead.msus.edu/home/Policy/Guide.htm>**

MnSCU System Board Policies:

**<http://www.mnscu.edu/Policies/PolicyIndex.html>**

American Library Association's Bill of Rights:

**<http://www.ala.org/work/freedom/lbr.html>**

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