

Computers Policy

The Marriott Library supports the teaching, research, and learning mission of the University of Utah by providing open access to the broadest possible range of ideas, opinions, and knowledge. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, and Freedom to Read Statement, and the university's principles of academic freedom provide the foundation for building research library collections, offering services, and promoting access to materials.

The University of Utah makes available information resources that may be used by University students, faculty, staff, and others. The University of Utah Information Resources Policy (PPM1-15) states that these resources are intended to be used for educational purposes and the legitimate business of the University and in a manner consistent with the public trust. Appropriate use of these resources includes instruction, independent study, continuing education, authorized research, independent research, and the official work of the offices, departments, and recognized student and campus organizations of the University.

Inappropriate uses include interfering with the work of others, wasting resources, using the resources for private economic purposes, gambling, and any activities that include the violation of state or federal laws and University policies and procedures. Obscenity and child pornography are prohibited by law.

The Marriott Library endorses and promotes the principles of intellectual and academic freedom and does not restrict access to information. These important freedoms come with important responsibilities. Users of library computer workstations should be aware that some information resources, including sites on the Web, could be offensive to other library users. Be considerate of those around you when viewing materials in public computer areas. While you generally have the right to look at whatever you choose to view, this right is balanced by the rights of others to work in a setting free of intimidation, harassment or hostility.

Users must be considerate in their use of shared resources and refrain from monopolizing equipment. During peak times when computer workstations are in demand, recreational use such as playing games will be disallowed. When people are waiting for access to a computer, reasonable time limits will be imposed.

The privacy rights of other library users should be respected. Parents are responsible for determining whether content of electronic resources is appropriate for children and youth, for controlling their use of these resources, and for their children's safety and behavior in the library. Use must be in compliance with state and federal laws and University of Utah policies and procedures. Violation of the provisions of this policy may result in the withdrawal of access and may subject the user to disciplinary action or academic sanctions consistent with University policies and procedures. Users who are not faculty, staff or students may have their access to information resources unilaterally revoked if they violate this policy.

References: Information Resources Policy, University of Utah Policy and Procedure Manual 1-15; Marriott Library User Responsibilities. Reviewed by the U of Utah Office of General Counsel, April 2004.