



Mediapolis Public Library Links Policy

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The Mediapolis Public Library web site is an online source of information for staff and patrons of the Library. Included on the site is a limited number of links to other web sites chosen because these links have been useful to staff in answering patron questions. These sites are selected to enrich, broaden, and complement the print and audiovisual library materials available and must be consistent with the Library's Collection Development Policy. Criteria include currency, authority, organization, and accessibility.

Resources are constantly changing on the Internet. Since these linked sites are not under the control of the Library they may change or disappear over time. New links will be added and current links evaluated regularly based on the Collection Development Policy criteria. Sites are not added upon request. It is not intended that the listing of sites open up the Library or city's web pages as full or partial public forum.

The Board of Trustees have adopted the City of Mediapolis' Links Policy as follows:

The City of Mediapolis'/Mediapolis Public Library's web site is an information and service channel provided for the use of and paid for by the citizens of Mediapolis, Iowa. It is not a public forum. Links to other sites from this site are provided solely at the discretion of the City of Mediapolis/Mediapolis Public Library and is a convenience for the users of this site. The following policies shall be applicable when determining whether to add a link to the City's/Library's web site.

- All links must have direct relevance to the Library, City of Mediapolis, Iowa, or its citizens
- Links are permitted to U.S. or State of Iowa governmental agency web sites as well as other web sites maintained by or on behalf of national, state, regional, or local governmental or public educational agencies.
- Links are permitted to nonprofit groups or organizations that promote public health, safety, education, development, and welfare, and civic activities within the City of Mediapolis. Should more than one link of similar nature be requested, the City/Library will post the one web link with the most local relevance.

- If a web site or the web site's sponsors are engaged in political, religious, or unlawful activities, the City of Mediapolis/Library will not permit links to such web sites.
- The City/Library reserves the right to reject any link it deems inappropriate. By including a link on the City of Mediapolis/Library page, it in no way indicated an endorsement of that web site or a verification of the information on that page. The City of Mediapolis/Library is not liable for the defamatory, offensive or illegal conduct of other users, links, web sites or third parties.
- Other web sites are free to include links directing users to the City of Mediapolis/Library web site.
- If the City/Library rejects allowing a link, the requesting party has the right to request a hearing before the City Council/Library Board of Trustees.
- The City/Library reserves the right to change any or all of this policy without prior notice.
- The City/Library reserves the right to terminate a link without prior notice, should it later be learned that the web site or one of its sponsors or links is in violation of any of the above policies.
- The location of any link established within this site will be entirely at the discretion of the City of Mediapolis/Mediapolis Public Library.