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LIVINGSTON LORD LIBRARY
INTERNET AND COMPUTER USE POLICY

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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 Minnesota State University Moorhead’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 MSUM Computer and Network Systems – available on the Internet.

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Priority of Use

Computers in the LI 222 lab are for priority use for instruction, and then are for use by current Tri-College & MSCTC students, faculty, and staff only. Computers elsewhere in the Library are for priority use by Tri-College & MSCTC students, faculty, and staff. You may be asked to show your current Tri-College or MSCTC 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” or game playing. Reading e-mail is considered a "priority" use of Library computers when used for academic purposes.

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**Web Sites for Additional Guidelines & Governance**
- [MSUM Library Internet & Computer Use Policy](#)
- [Guidelines for Use of MSUM Computer and Network Systems](#)
- MnSCU System [Board Policies](#) web site, particularly Sections 5.22, and Procedure 5.22.1.
- MnSCU has also adopted a privacy policy, Section 5.23.
- [American Library Association’s Bill of Rights](#)

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