

9A | Computer and Internet Use**Revised:** 2/13/19**Purpose & Scope**

The purpose of this policy is to clearly communicate the Library's expectations for the safe use of its technology resources, including: all Library-owned hardware, software, and networks accessed on Library premises with or without Library-owned equipment, as well as those loaned by the Library to its users. Use of any Library equipment or network constitutes acceptance of this policy.

Under no circumstances will library equipment or networks be utilized by any person, including minors, to: conduct unlawful acts such as discrimination or harassment; transmit threatening, harmful, or obscene material; propagate malware or viruses; or disrupt the peaceful use and operation of the Library.

This policy complies with, and fulfills the requirements of, the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

User Responsibility

All users are responsible for adhering to applicable federal, state, and local laws governing technology resources. Parents/guardians/caregivers are responsible for monitoring the use of Library equipment and networks by minors at all times. Users are also responsible for adhering to all applicable policies and procedures as they relate to use of Library resources and spaces.

In compliance with the federally mandated provisions of the CIPA the Library employs technology protection measures (filters) on all of its computer stations and laptops to block access to material deemed inappropriate for minors. Specifically, as required by the CIPA, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any materials deemed harmful to minors.

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users, including minor users, of Library access to electronic information, services, and networks when using e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of electronic communications.

The Library does not monitor, and has no control over, the information accessed through resources like the Internet and is not responsible for its content. Though filters are in place on all public computers, filters cannot be wholly depended upon to block all sites that contain illegal, obscene, or sexually explicit as defined by the CIPA or other applicable law.

Non-Compliance

Any act of non-compliance with this policy will be reported to the Executive Director, who will review each instance on a case-by-case basis in order to determine if Library privileges need to be suspended for any amount of time. For any instance involving violation of any federal, state, or local laws, a report will be made to local law enforcement.

Related Policies

Conduct & Code of Conduct

Public Computers

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