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Internet Use Policy and Guidelines

This policy applies to all users of Emma S. Clark Memorial Library internet access computers and computer networks.

Purpose

To fulfill our mission, the Emma S. Clark Memorial Library provides access to a broad range of information resources, including those available through the internet. The internet offers access to many valuable local, national and international sources of information. However, not all sources on the internet provide accurate, complete, or current information. A good information consumer evaluates the validity of information found, as with other library materials.

Supervising Children's Use

As with other library materials, parents or legal guardians are responsible for their minor child's use of the internet. Parents / guardians should let their children know if there are materials which they do not want them to use and should supervise their child's internet sessions.

Please be advised that some material on the internet may contain defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, offensive, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive or illegal content. Parents of minors who allow their children to have access to the internet from within the Library should be aware of the existence of such material and monitor usage by their children as necessary. Restriction of a child's access to the internet is the responsibility of the parent or guardian; the Library does not have the right or responsibility to act 'in loco parentis'.

Filtering Software

Library computers are equipped with filtering software in compliance with *The Children's Internet Protection Act* (CIPA). The Library assumes no responsibility for the content of external sites on the internet; library patrons view them at their own risk.

Users may not:

1. Damage Library computer equipment or software.
2. Alter software or hardware configurations on Library computers.

3. Submit, publish, or display on Library computers any defamatory, inaccurate, abusive, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, threatening, racially offensive or illegal material.
4. Purposefully cause degradation of Library computer network performance.
5. Use any Library computer or computer network for illegal or criminal purpose.
6. Violate copyright laws or software licensing agreements in their use of Library computers and computer networks.
7. Engage in any activity on Library computers or computer networks which is deliberately and maliciously offensive, libelous, or slanderous.
8. Be in violation of any aspect of the Library's *Library Behavior Policy* while using Library computers and computer networks.

Violations will result in loss of access to Library computers and computer networks. Unlawful activities will be dealt with in a serious and appropriate manner.

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Notice

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