

Internet Safety Policy

ACCURACY DISCLAIMER

Not all information provided through Internet sources is accurate, complete, or current information, and may be offensive or dangerous. The library assumes no responsibility for the content or accuracy of information obtained through Internet sources. It should be understood that use in a public environment prevents any guarantee of privacy.

INTERNET/COMPUTER USE BY MINORS

Parents or Legal Guardians will be responsible for the following:

- (1) Monitoring their child's access to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web. The library cannot control sites that children may select on the Internet, and staff cannot act in place of a parent to do so;
- (2) Supervise the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail and other forms of direct electronic communications (chatting is not allowed);
- (3) Prevent unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information;
- (4) Prevent minor's unauthorized access, including "hacking", and other unlawful activities while online;
- (5) Avoid minor's access to materials harmful to them by monitoring all internet use.
- (6) Signing an internet agreement giving their child, under the age of 18, permission to access the internet.

INTERNET/COMPUTER MISUSE

The library staff is authorized to refuse anyone access to the Internet or Computers. The violation regulations are as followed:

- The 1st violation of this policy will result in a warning.
- The 2nd violation of this policy will result in loss of Internet/Computer Access for one year.
- The 3rd violation of this policy will result in permanent loss of Internet/Computer Access.

The following are considered violations:

- Unauthorized connection to the library's network, hacking, and other unlawful activities.
- Exhibits pornographic material on Internet workstations. (KRS 531.020)
- Violating copyright or software licenses while using Internet workstations. (US copyright law, Title 17, US Code).
- Use of Internet workstations to harass others.
- Illegal activities on Internet workstations.
- Misrepresenting oneself on the Internet via Internet workstations.
- Commercial use of the Internet via Internet workstations.
- Intentional damage to workstations, printers, and/or additional property.
- Altering hardware/software configurations, saving information to the hard drive.

GENERAL RULES FOR INTERNET/COMPUTER USE

- (1) All customers must read the LaRue County Public Library Internet Safety Policy.
- (2) To use the computers, customers must have their library card number. Guest will use guest number; local customers using the computers often must apply for library card.
- (3) Ages 13 and up use adult computers, 2 hour limit.
- (4) Ages 12 and down use Youth computers, 2 hour limit.
- (5) Extensions will be granted on rare occasions, for example: taking a test.
- (6) Each page printed will cost .10 cents
- (7) Library staff can assist in getting you started, but are not available for in-depth training.
- (8) All computers will log off 10 minutes before library closing.

TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION MEASURE

The Technology must block or filter internet access to visual depictions that are classified as: obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors (this requirement applies to those under the age of 17 only), but does not apply to text or audio. This is required by the CIPA. The Children's Internet Protection Act is a federal law enacted by Congress to address concerns about access to offensive content over the internet on school and library computers receiving federal funds for computers and other equipment for internet access.

- All internet access on desktops computers and laptops owned by the library must be filter.
- CIPA does not require filtering of patron-owned laptops.