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Internet Use Policy

Purpose: The Flenniken Public Library provides access to the Internet as one means of fulfilling our purpose of providing diverse and easily accessible materials, encouraging the free flow of ideas, and educating, informing, and enriching all residents of our service area.

The Internet is a global entity with a highly diverse user population and library patrons use it at their own risk. Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete or current information. Users are responsible for determining the validity and reliability of the information located. The Flenniken Public Library cannot be held responsible for the Internet's content or for any misuse of copyright or any other violation, nor is it responsible for any liability or expense you may incur during use.

Filtering: In compliance with the *Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)* (pub.L. 106-554), all library computers will have filtered Internet access as of July 2004. This act requires a library that receives federal funds must “have in place a policy of Internet safety for minors that include the operation of a technology protection measure with respect to any computer with Internet access”.

Children and the Internet: As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian. Only a parent/legal guardian may restrict their children, and only their children, from access to Internet resources available through the library. The parent/legal guardian, not the library, is responsible for monitoring their children's Internet use. Internet filtering software is not foolproof and does not take the place of parental supervision.

Rights of Adults: Adults (age 17 or older) may request the filtering software be disabled during use, if so desired as long as the policies of the Flenniken Public Library are not violated.

1. The Internet computers will not be used for any illegal or criminal activity or to access pornography. Keep in mind that it is a **felony offense** in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania “To display or cause to display any explicit sexual material . . . on any... viewing screen in such manner that the display is visible...in any establishment where minors, as part of the general public, may be exposed to view all or any part of such materials.” (18 Pa. C.S.A. Section 5903)
2. Users who attempt to tamper, modify, or vandalize the software or hardware configurations on library computers will lose computer privileges at the Flenniken Public Library.
3. All Internet users must log on to the computers using their library card number. Those persons who are not eligible to apply for a library card at this library will be permitted access using a guest pass.
4. Internet use and reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis and are limited to sessions one half hour in length with a limit of 120 minutes use per day. Staff reserves the right to grant extended use in special circumstances that may require an uninterrupted session or longer period of use. Sessions may be reserved in advance within the same day. The library reserves the right to ask anyone to leave when deemed necessary by library employees. Computers will be shut down fifteen minutes prior to closing the library.
5. Users will be charged \$.25 per page (B&W) and \$.50 per page (color) for printouts.
6. A maximum of two people are allowed at any one workstation at one time.
7. Computer users are not able to save documents/files directly on public computers.

Failure to comply with the above rules may result in denial of Internet Use privileges.