Internet Use Policy

In support of its mission to inspire lifelong discovery, facilitate collaboration, and connect people with resources, the Carmel Clay Public Library (CCPL) makes internet access available to its patrons, along with collections of print, non-print, and electronic resources. Internet use in the library means using the library's network to access the internet either on library workstations, on equipment loaned by the library, or through a wireless connection.

Access

The library's public computers are intended to be used for lawful purposes in a responsible manner, consistent with the educational, informational, and recreational purposes for which they are provided. Electronic resource users must abide by all rules concerning limited computer time.

Internet Safety

The library does not monitor and has no control over materials obtained on the internet and cannot be held responsible for internet content. CCPL cannot control access to online content or protect patrons from online content they may find offensive. The library is not responsible for the privacy practices or security of any websites accessed by its patrons.

CCPL is compliant with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and has technology protection measures (TPM or "filters") on its computers, designed to protect against access to visual depictions that may reasonably be construed as 1) obscene, 2) child pornography, or 3) harmful to minors.

Parents and guardians of minors have both the right and the responsibility for their children's use of the internet at the library to:

- Assure their children's safety and security when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of electronic communications

- Protect against unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities by their children
- Protect against unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors
- Restrict their children's access to internet sites that are harmful to minors

Confidentiality

Patrons should be aware that electronic mail systems cannot be secured and are therefore vulnerable to unauthorized access.

Information viewable from the computer screen by passing patrons and staff should be considered unsecure.

Unacceptable Use

The use of the library's internet and electronic resources is a conditional privilege. Appropriate discretion must be exercised when viewing materials, and users are to refrain from displaying material on a terminal when so requested by library staff.

The following actions are unacceptable and may result in the loss of computer privileges, library privileges, or result in prosecution by authorities in the case of illegal acts:

- Any activity violating U.S., state, or local laws
- Sending, receiving, or displaying materials that are sexually explicit, obscene, abusive, defamatory, or harmful to minors
- Damaging, vandalizing, disabling, or modifying CCPL's computers, networks, hardware, software, or any library property
- Gaining unauthorized entry to any systems accessible via library computers
- Misrepresenting oneself by access code, password, or signature
- Making copies of copyrighted or licensed software or data unless such use is authorized
- Violating another person's privacy or disrupting their use of computer resources

Technical Considerations

When using the library's public computers, any files saved to library computers will be removed. CCPL is not responsible for damage to or loss of data from a patron's removable media, personal computer, or other devices.

Library users waive rights to any claim against the Carmel Clay Public Library, its employees, trustees, officers, and agents arising from use of the internet.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in loss of computer privileges or banishment from CCPL.

The library reserves the right to amend this policy at any time.

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