



## **Public Computer and Internet Policy**

The Three Rivers Public Library District requires that patrons using Library computers, including access to the internet, do so within the guidelines of acceptable use. The following activities are unacceptable:

- Use of electronic information networks for any purpose which results in the harassment of other users
- Destruction of, damage to or unauthorized alteration of the Library's computer equipment software or network security procedures
- Use of electronic information networks in any way which violates a Federal or State law
- Use of electronic information networks in any way which violates licensing and payment agreements between the Three Rivers Public Library District and network/database providers
- Unauthorized duplication of copy-protected software or violation of software license agreements
- Violation of system security
- Violation of the Patron Behavior Policy

### **Children's Access and Parental Responsibility**

Three Rivers Public Library District supports the right of all library patrons to access information and will not deny access to the Internet based solely on age. The Library recognizes the Internet may contain material that is inappropriate for children, and filtering software is not a substitute for parental supervision. Parents or legal guardians are expected to monitor and supervise their children's use of the Internet since the Library staff is unable to do so. Parents or legal guardians are encouraged to discuss with their children issues of appropriate use and Internet safety

Public computers have filtered access to the internet in compliance with the Federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Filtering software is designed to prohibit access to inappropriate or harmful material, "hacking" and other forms of unlawful activity, unauthorized disclosure of personal information, and to protect safety and security when using direct electronic communications.

## **Assistance with Public Computers**

Library staff provide assistance to customers in the use of computers as time and staff knowledge permit. Customers needing in-depth instruction or help are encouraged to set up an appointment with a staff member.

## **Wireless Network**

The Library provides free wireless (WiFi) access for patrons. By choosing to use the Library's WiFi service, the user agrees to abide by all applicable Library policies. No guarantee is made for network security or wireless access connectivity.

## **Disclaimer**

The Library cannot control or monitor material which may be accessible from internet sources. The Three Rivers Public Library District assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from use of its computers, computer network or from its connection to other internet services. Users are discouraged from offering personal information about themselves to sites on the internet

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