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Internet Access

The Internet offers access to many valuable local, national and international sources of information. Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete or current information. The Library is not responsible for the (a) accuracy of information, (b) content, and (c) objectionable material found on the Internet.

Internet Offering and Limitations

- A. The Internet workstations use software designed to browse the World Wide Web (WWW). The Internet workstations are available during normal Library hours, except at times for regular or emergency maintenance.
- B. Signup with the patron's current library card in good standing is required to provide usage statistics. Guest passes for visitors from outside our service area will be issued valid for one year. A time limit is enforced when people are waiting to use the computer. A time period of one (1) hour with a maximum of three (3) hours per day will be enforced. Computers are assigned to one person at a time. If you have a legitimate reason for working with another person, please check with the circulation clerk before you sign on. We will do our best to accommodate you.
- C. As with other research tools, staff will offer assistance. Staff cannot provide in-depth training concerning the Internet or personal computer use. If patrons have specific questions, books are available.
- D. The Library is not responsible for any loss or damage to downloaded data, disks, files or hardware.

Guidelines for Responsible Use

- A. The user may not utilize the Internet for hacking, any illegal activity, or place any material on the Internet related to any illegal activity. It is the responsibility of the user to respect copyright laws and licensing agreements.
- B. If Internet searching accesses resources inappropriate to a library setting, staff has the authority to end an Internet session. Violations of library guidelines or engaging in certain prohibited practices in Internet use may lead to the suspension or revocation of Internet access throughout the library.
- C. The Library will comply with Michigan PA 212 of 2000, governing access by minors to information on the Internet, and any other federal, state or local laws. The Library maintains that parents and guardians of minors are responsible for Internet information selected and/or accessed by their minor children.
- D. Unauthorized disclosure of personal identification by minors is not allowed.
- E. The Internet computers are limited to displaying material appropriate for all patrons. Any questions concerning these limitations may be addressed by filling out a Patron's Opinion of Library Materials Form available from the library director.
- F. Users will not receive or display text or graphics that are legally defined by state and federal laws as obscenity or child pornography. Actions that violate local, state or federal law will be prosecuted.
- G. This policy will be reviewed periodically by the Library Board. The public is welcome to attend.