

INTERNET SAFETY AND USE POLICY

The policy of Columbus Public Library is to: (a) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (b) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (c) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub .L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)]

LOCAL GUIDELINES

- 1.1 Library Internet access computers are available for public use during normal library hours. Users are allowed three sessions a day, for up to an hour per session.
- 1.2 Users not eligible for a free library card may receive access by request. For regular use, a Computer-Use-Only card is available.
- 1.3 Users may bring in discs and storage drives for use on library computers. Flash drives are available for purchase for \$5.00.
- 1.4 Printing costs - \$.10/page, monochrome (black); \$.25/page, color. Users are encouraged to use Print Preview before printing. The library will not be responsible for refunding unwanted pages that print out.

The following applies to both use of the library computers and wireless internet (WiFi):

- 1.5 Misuse of the computer or Internet access will result in the loss of computer privileges.
- 1.6 In the case of a violation involving criminal behavior, the police will be called.
- 1.7 Users are cautioned not to reveal personal information over the Internet.
- 1.8 Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, authoritative, factual or complete information. The user is responsible for verifying the accuracy of any material.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, all computers have technology protection measures used to block inappropriate information, specifically visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. (See definitions below.)
- 2.2 Minor users may not use library computers for viewing, sending or receiving materials which may be determined to be harmful to minors as defined by State of Nebraska Statutes Section 28-807(6).
- 2.3 Users may not use library computers for viewing, sending or receiving materials which may be determined to be legally obscene as defined by State of Nebraska Statutes 28-807(10).
- 2.4 Users may not violate licensing agreements and copyright laws or attempt in any way to alter, damage, abuse or sabotage computer equipment or software, alter configurations or install any software.
- 2.5 Library computers may not be used for inappropriate network usage including (a) unauthorized access (hacking) or (b) unauthorized disclosure, use and/or dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.
- 2.6 Adult users may request the filtering software be disabled. If a minor user requests a site be unblocked, staff is authorized to review the site and decide whether to unblock such sites on a case by case basis.

DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 Minor User: As used in this policy, any library patron under 17 years of age.
- 3.2 Adult User: As used in this policy, any library patron 17 years of age or older.

- 3.3 Technology Protection Measure: The term “technology protection measure” means a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are:
- A. Obscene, as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code;
 - B. Child Pornography, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; or
 - C. Harmful to Minors.
- 3.4 Harmful to Minors: The term “harmful to minors” means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depictions that:
- A. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
 - B. Depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable to minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals, and
 - C. Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value to minors.

Adopted by the Library Board on 4/8/2010, revised 9/8/2011, revised 6/14/2012