

COMPUTER AND INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USAGE POLICY

All electronic traffic originating from the Ligonier Public Library's (the "Library") connection to the Internet shall be in accordance with the following acceptable use standards. Failure to abide by these standards may result in the loss of Internet access, computer, or library privileges, and could result in financial responsibility and/or criminal prosecution.

Use of computing resources is limited to members of the library community and to the advancement of the library mission, that being to serve the educational and informational needs of the community. Access is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility. The Library's public computers shall be used for educational, informational, and recreational purposes only and not for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes.

Library resources may not be used in violation of law or unethical purposes. Examples of unacceptable use include, but are not limited to: harassment of others, infringement of software copyrights, disregard for network security, and intentional destruction of library hardware, software, or data files.

While the library has made every attempt to protect its computer resources from viruses and other threats, the individual user will ultimately be responsible for the safety of data files produced at the library. These files must be stored on USB flash drives and cannot be retained on the internal hard drives of library computers. The library makes no warranties of any kind, neither expressed nor implied, for the access it is providing. The library will not be responsible for unauthorized financial obligations resulting from library provided access to the Internet.

By providing Internet access, the library is able to broaden and diversify its existing collection of information resources. The material and opinions available on the Internet represent many points of view and cannot be controlled by the library staff and/or library board because of the rapidly changing nature of this medium. Individual users are responsible for the content they access. The library is not responsible for the accuracy, nature, or quality of information gathered through library provided Internet access. The library will not be responsible for unauthorized financial obligations resulting from library provided access to the Internet.

To ensure that local, state, and federal statutes are followed and the rights of others are respected, the library will not tolerate the display or dissemination of sexually explicit materials in or from its facilities. Because of the limited number of public workstations, patrons must limit themselves to a single 1 hour session per day unless special permission is obtained from staff. This is first come, first served.

CIPA

Computer/Internet users must abide by all state and federal laws including, but not limited to, copyright laws, privacy laws, laws related to the unauthorized access or tampering of computers or computer systems or networks, and the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

In accordance with the requirements of CIPA and the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, the Library employs the use of an internet filter to guard against accessing, inadvertently or otherwise, Internet content that is obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. However, no filter can protect against all such content. Parent or adult caregiver supervision is required to ensure the safety and security of minors using the Internet. Please note that lower filters are placed on the PATRON profile of the adult computers in the main computer lab. Children's Department and Teen Room computers have higher filters with the CHILD profile for better protection and is recommended.

Monitoring

Internet usage in the Library, whether by minors or adults, will be cursory monitored. Any person found to be in violation of the Library's CIPA Policy or Computer Use Policy will have their computer use session terminated. Repeat offenders may be subject to escalating sanctions.

To help defray the cost of paper, toner and printer maintenance, individuals using the printers are asked to pay a per page fee at the circulation desk. Prices are as follows: B&W .10 per page; Color .50 per page.

The Ligonier Public Library reserves the right to modify this policy at any time.

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