

## INTERNET ACCESS POLICY

As part of its mission to provide access to information which meets the educational, cultural, and recreational needs of the Clarkston Independence Library District, the Clarkston Independence District Library offers its users access to the Internet on designated computers in the Library.

The Internet offers access to rapidly changing, diverse and unpredictable global electronic information, and therefore contains materials that could be considered controversial. The Clarkston Independence District Library has no control over the information resources accessible via the Internet, and cannot be held responsible for the quality, accuracy, or currency of an Internet site.

The Clarkston Independence District Library and its Board, director, and employees shall not be held liable for any direct or indirect damages which accrue from using the Internet.

The Library's Internet computers may not be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purpose, including activities prohibited under applicable federal or Michigan laws. Illegal uses include, but are not limited to, harassing, slandering or libeling others; disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications; damaging software or equipment; and copyright infringement. Parents or legal guardians are responsible for any damage done by their children.

The Internet on computers for public use and the wireless internet access available throughout the library is filtered. The software blocks some specific sites that could be offensive to some users. Filtering software may not block all material users might find offensive. In compliance with Michigan Public Act 212 (2000), unfiltered access to the Internet is available for adults upon request in the computer lab designated for computer users ages 18 and over. Patrons are free to access whichever Internet sites they wish within the parameters of state and federal laws regarding obscenity or child pornography. However, the Library must also respect the rights of other patrons not to be inadvertently exposed to material and images they may find personally unsuitable. Viewing of certain materials in the public library may be considered improper in time, place, or manner. The Library reserves the right to end an Internet session at any time if it is creating a disturbance. Minors (under the age of eighteen) may only use Internet stations with filtering software in the Children's department or Teen department. For a minor to be permitted unfiltered access to the Internet in the adult computer lab, the parent or legal guardian must remain with the minor child at all times during the Internet session.

Guidelines that detail specific procedures for using the Internet at the Independence Township Library, such as sign-up, time limits and printing are posted by the Internet computers and are available at all service desks. These are subject to change and are regularly reviewed to assure that Internet access is equitable and fair.

Failure to comply with the Internet Access Policy or any related Internet guidelines may result in denial of access to the internet at the Independence Township Library.

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