U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library
Internet Policy

The U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library, as part of its mission, has made Internet access available to the public. Users should be aware that information accessed via the Internet might be controversial, inaccurate or dated. The Library makes a distinction between access to information via the Internet and selection of library materials. The Library acquires materials based on the Selection Policy. Information accessed via the Internet is not subject to any review. The Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. The Library assumes no responsibility for the use of the Internet by minors.

In order to use the Internet, all users must:
- Have a valid library card or form of identification

Responsible, ethical use of the Internet includes the following:

1. Using resources for educational, informational and recreational purposes only. It will not be used for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes
2. Respecting the privacy of others by not misrepresenting oneself as another user
3. Not attempting to gain unauthorized access to files, passwords or data belonging to others
4. Not seeking unauthorized access to any computer system, or damaging or altering the software or hardware components of any network or database, including the computer on which the software or hardware is installed in the public library
5. Patrons will not be able to run their own CD-ROM products.
6. Making only authorized copies of copyrighted or licensed software or data
7. Not sending, receiving or displaying sexually explicit, pornographic, or obscene materials

Use of the Internet specific to minors

An adult parent or guardian must accompany children under the age of 10.
An adult parent or guardian should supervise a minor's use of the Internet:

1. To guarantee that inappropriate materials are not being viewed*
2. To guarantee the safety and security of the children when using electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of electronic communication by not responding to messages that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening, or cause uncomfortable feelings
3. To guarantee the prevention of unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors*

4. To guarantee that the points under Responsible ethical use of the Internet are followed*

* The following documents will be made available to parents:
- Child Safety on the Information Highway
  (www.safekids.com/child_safety.htm)
- Teen Safety on the Information Highway
  (http://www.safekids.com/safeteens/safeteens.htm)

The library uses an Internet filtering program on all Internet computers kept in the youth library. It has been configured to prevent access to pornography.

Filtering programs are not entirely effective. They will occasionally block access to material that should not be blocked, and will occasionally allow access to material that should be blocked.

Failure to comply with this policy or with library staff directions may result in restriction or termination of the user's library privileges and may result in prosecution under local, state or federal laws.

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