

# Computer/Public Internet Access Policy

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The Owen County Public Library provides access to a broad range of information resources, including free access to the Internet for informal and educational use. Internet resources are provided equally to all persons.

The Internet is a vast, unregulated medium, the Library cannot control and is not responsible for the content or accuracy of information accessed over the Internet including information contained in electronic mail or other forms of electronic communication. Users should critically evaluate sources for accuracy, completeness, and currency. Some people may find some materials on the Internet offensive.

Use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of this privilege. Examples of inappropriate use include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Violation of computer integrity
- Unauthorized tampering with computer hardware or software
- Violation of another user's privacy
- Transmission of threatening, obscene or harassing materials
- Violation of state obscenity and federal sexual harassment laws, which prohibit printing or display of sexually explicit materials in public places
- Violation of copyright laws and software licensing agreements
- Using the computer for illegal or criminal purposes
- Using the computer to 'hack' the local or any other system.

Abuse or misuse of equipment, software or policies may result in suspension or loss of computer privileges at the discretion of the Library Director.

The Library may limit the amount of time of individual user sessions on the Internet and may charge a fee for printing from the Internet.

Parents or Legal Guardians will be responsible for the following:

- Monitoring their child's access to inappropriate material or materials harmful to them.
- Supervise the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail and other forms of electronic communications;
- Prevent unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information;
- Prevent minor's unauthorized access, including "hacking", and other unlawful activities while online

Any computer or electronic equipment damaged by the minor