

SUBJECT: Computer, Internet Access and Safety

BOARD

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## POLICY

### Purpose:

The Rolla Public Library provides access to internet-enabled computers and devices as well as wireless internet as part of its commitment to meeting the informational needs of the community. The Library has no control over the information accessed through the internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. The internet is a worldwide community with a highly diverse user population, and it is the public's responsibility to use this resource wisely. Parents or guardians of a minor may request that their child's card not have access to a library computer on the child's library registration card.

### A. Responsibility of the Users

Library computer users must respect the rights of others and take care with use of the Library's equipment. Computer and internet settings may not be changed. Computers and the wireless internet may not be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purpose, including any activities prohibited under any applicable federal, Missouri, or local laws. Violation of current Missouri law (Missouri Revised Statutes 573.010 and 573.060) in regards to accessing and displaying pornography and/or obscene materials will result in suspension of computer privileges. All computer and wireless users must abide by the library's internet service providers' use agreements.

Library computer users must not attempt to gain unauthorized access to restricted files or networks, to damage or modify Library owned devices or software or to intentionally download or save items to Library owned devices.

Rolla Public Library has established Computer Use Guidelines that govern the amount of time an individual may use the computer, printing procedures, technology support available from library staff, as well as other technology related rules. Users agree to and must abide by these guidelines. Access to public computers may be revoked for failure to abide by the rules listed in this policy as well as those specified in the Computer Use Guidelines.

### B. Internet Safety

The Library filters access to pornographic and sexually explicit websites from all computers as required by Missouri Revised Statute 182.827. The Library fully complies with the Child Internet Protection Act Pub. L. No. 106-554. Filtering software is not guaranteed to protect a child from access to information that a parent/guardian finds inappropriate.

Adults aged 18 years and over may request that filtering be disabled for bona fide research purposes. Library staff will filter, monitor, and/or restrict internet use to protect the integrity of the network.

The Library protects patron privacy in every way possible, but cannot guarantee confidentiality on the internet. Users should use best practices and caution regarding their private information as public computers are accessed by multiple patrons every day. Patrons handling financial transactions or other confidential tasks do so at their own risk. Rolla Public Library is not responsible for the privacy practices or security of any websites accessed by users.

Library computer users are responsible for complying with copyright law and adhering to software licensing agreements, as well as all local, state and federal laws. Use of the Library's internet connection in an illegal, disruptive, or destructive manner is not allowed.