

## **Chester County Library Internet Safety Policy**

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### **Internet Policy**

It is the policy of the Chester County Library to provide internet resources to our patrons. Library patrons are required to agree to the Internet User Agreement before using the internet at the library.

Chester County Library will not be held liable for the quality or accuracy of any information found on the internet.

### **Computer Usage:**

- Users must use their own library card to access the computer or they must show a picture i.d. at the front desk in order to receive a visitor's pass.
- Each user may use library computers up to three hours per day. Staff may override if the need arises.
- The Library may designate certain computers for the use of children only.
- Library cards must be in good standing in order to use the computer. Library cards that are defined as cards in good standing are those for which no fines exceed \$5.00 and for which there are no other "blocks" on their library card.
- If the user has an "expired" library card, they must update their library card before being able to use the computers.
- If the user is under the age of nine (9), they must be accompanied with a parent or caregiver over the age of eighteen (18).
- Patrons must use appropriate behavior while on online, on social networking web sites and in chat rooms.

### **Computer users may NOT:**

- PC's may not be used to gain unauthorized access to the Library's network or computer systems.
- Users may not damage or attempt to damage computer equipment or software.
- Users may not violate copy right laws, or software licensing agreements.
- Users may not engage in any activity that is disruptive to other library users.
- Users may not bypass internet-filtering software, or demonstrate how to do so to another person.
- Users may not download or use malicious software on library PC's.
- Users may not disclose, use or disseminate personal identification information regarding minors.
- PC's may not be used for cyberbullying.

### **Filtering**

The Chester County Library Board in compliance with the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and South Carolina Law has approved the use of internet filtering software on all public access computers. The software is designed to filter pornographic pictures or texts. However, filtering software may allow some inappropriate content to pass through and may block some appropriate sites.

As with other library resources, parents' (legal guardians) are responsible for a child's access to the internet.

An authorized staff member may disable the blocking or filtering software during use by an adult to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purpose.

### **Acceptable Use**

Chester County Library computers cannot be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purpose, including any activities prohibited under applicable federal, state or local laws.

Chester County Library computers cannot be used for accessing websites in violation of Section 16-15-305, South Carolina Code of Law.

Material on the internet is copyrighted. It is the user's responsibility to be aware of any copyrighted information and to respect state and federal copyright laws.

Internet use will be managed in a manner consistent with the Library's **Patron Behavior Policy**.

**Violation of these rules will result in loss of access to the internet and/or other library privileges. Unlawful activities may result in prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.**

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