

Internet Computer Use Policy

It is the policy of the Chesterfield Township Library to promote responsible Internet use by adults and minors. The Library provides public access to the Internet. In keeping with the Library's mission to provide the entire community with access to information in its many forms, to promote the free exchange of ideas, and foster life-long learning to meet the community's evolving educational, recreational, cultural, and informational needs.

Compliance:

Chesterfield Township Library supports The Library Privacy Act, 1982, PA 455, MCL 397.601 et sec 6. The library therefore, has one or more workstations available with filtering software and encourages use by patrons under 18 years of age. The content of the Internet is not managed or governed by any entity; therefore, customers may encounter materials they consider offensive and/or controversial. The library strongly encourages persons under 18 years to use Internet sites offered on the library's web pages that have been selected by the professional staff for age appropriateness and quality.

Parental Responsibility:

It is the policy of the Chesterfield Township Library that parents, and/or caregivers are solely responsible for the Internet information accessed by their children. **Parents of children younger than 18 must assume responsibility for their children's use of the INTERNET through the Library's connection.**

Disclaimer:

Information contained on the Internet changes rapidly and unpredictably. The Library, therefore, cannot control materials available on the Internet. The Library cannot ensure the accuracy or the legality of the information accessible via the Internet.

The Library, its officers, directors, and employees shall not be liable for any direct or consequential damages as a result of information obtained or provided on the Internet. Patrons should evaluate Internet sources just as they do printed publications, questioning the validity of the information provided.

Internet Conduct:

Patrons may not exhibit or display any material harmful to minors on Library property or using the Library's Internet Connection. Computers are monitored for compliance with local, state, and federal laws.

Computer resources may not be used for unauthorized or illegal (federal, state, and local) purposes. These practices include, but are not limited to:

- **Viewing or sending obscenity or sexually explicit materials**
- **Harassment of others**
- **Violation of computer security**
- **Violation of another's privacy**
- **Libeling or slandering others**
- **Chain letters**
- **Advertising or spamming**
- **For-Profit activity**
- **Unauthorized copying of copyright-protected material**
- **Unauthorized use of computer accounts, access codes, or network ID codes assigned to others, or unauthorized electronic communications**
- **Destruction or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library or other users**

The Library reserves the right to suspend and/or deny Internet access to patrons who display information or images causing a disruption to the library environment.

Rules Governing Use: Internet workstation users must behave in accordance with the Library's policies and procedures.

1. Patrons must use their own valid library card when signing up for Internet access.
2. Systems are available during regular library hours on a first-come/ first-serve basis.
3. Internet access is to be used for informational and educational purposes only.
4. Only software installed by the Suburban Library Cooperative or the Chesterfield Township Library is available for public use. Persons attempting to change the software or computer settings will be denied use of the workstation and may be held liable for any charges incurred to correct the software/hardware.
5. Internet sessions may be available in blocks of 30 minutes. If no one is waiting at the end of that 30 minute session, a patron may sign up for an additional 30 minute time period. There is a daily maximum of 120 minutes per user which is dependant upon demand. No reservations will be taken over the telephone.
6. No more than two people may sit at a computer at any one time.
7. Young children must have direct adult supervision when using library computers.
8. Monitor screens must remain facing straight forward at all times and may not be moved/tilted.
9. Staff provides limited instructional/technical assistance to computer users if requested. Staff can assist patrons wishing to locate local computer classes.
10. The library reserves the right to charge for printing. Printing fees are subject to change at any time.
11. Misuse of library equipment is prohibited.

Violation of these policies may result in loss of Internet and/or computer privileges.