

BRADLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
PUBLIC USE OF THE LIBRARY POLICY

SECTION 8: COMPUTERS AND INTERNET

Part 2: Internet Use

Bradley Public Library District provides public access to the Internet to fulfill its mission to preserve and promote universal access to a broad range of human knowledge, experience, information, and ideas. Internet access is provided in keeping with the American Library Association intellectual freedom statements.

The Internet is an unregulated, worldwide environment. It contains information and opinions that range in scope from reliable and authoritative to controversial or extremely offensive. Some information found on the Internet may NOT be accurate, complete, or current. Users must assess the validity of the information found. Users should be aware that the Internet is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information about users' activities. The Library assumes no responsibility for the security and privacy of on-line transactions.

Bradley Public Library's users are subject to federal, state and municipal legislation regulating Internet use and as such it is the policy of the Bradley Public Library District to: a) prevent user access over its computer network, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act. The use of the Library's Internet services for illegal purposes is prohibited, and may result in prosecution.

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Technology protection measures may be disabled only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Bradley Public Library District's online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: a) unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking,' and other unlawful activities; and b) unauthorized disclose, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Children are entitled to access all information and facilities in the Library. As with other library materials, children's access to the Internet and other electronic

networks is the responsibility of parents and guardians. Technology protection measures are not perfect, and parents are encouraged to guide their children when using the Internet to avoid potentially dangerous sites and online interactions.

Certain copying or distribution of material found on the Internet may infringe on copyright or other intellectual property right. The Library is not responsible for such infringements.

Internet workstations are situated in public areas, and users are expected to use the Internet in accordance with this environment and in keeping with the guidelines outlined above. All users of the Bradley Public Library District, including users of the Library's Internet services, are also expected to follow the Library's Code of Conduct which is designed to ensure a welcoming environment. Disruptive, threatening, or otherwise intrusive behavior is not allowed and Library staff are authorized to take action. Violations of this Policy and/or Code of Conduct may result in up to one year suspension of library privileges and exclusion from the Library, as well as prosecution. The use of computers and Internet is a privilege, not a right and inappropriate use as determined by the library staff will result in a cancellation of those privileges.

Individuals wishing to access the Library's Internet connection are required to read this policy and signify their agreement to follow this policy by clicking "I Agree" during computer login. Those who choose "I Do Not Agree" will not be allowed to access the Internet on the Library's public access computers. Users under the age of eighteen are required to have a parent or legal guardian sign the Parental Permission Agreement.

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