

# **SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

## **Mission**

The Scott County Library System brings information, ideas, learning, and creativity to all corners of the community, expanding possibilities and enriching lives both within and beyond our walls.

It is within this context that the Scott County Library System offers access to the Internet.

## **Purpose**

The Library Board established this Internet Acceptable Use Policy to ensure appropriate use of Internet resources within the Library. All users, patrons and guests, of Library Internet stations are subject to this policy.

## **Internet Access**

The Internet is a global entity with no control of users or content. Therefore, available resources may contain material of a controversial nature. The Library does not monitor information accessed through the Internet. Library patrons use the Internet at their own risk. Only parents or guardians – not the Library or its staff – may restrict their children – and only their own children – from access to the Internet or other library materials.

There are information resources found on the Internet that are inappropriate to a library setting. Because the Library is a public place, the Library staff has the authority to end an Internet session.

Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, or current information. Users need to be good information consumers, questioning the validity of any information found on the Internet.

## **Internet Use policies**

To maximize availability to the Internet as a resource, and to ensure fair accessibility for all, please follow the Internet use policies below.

- Stations are not reserved in advance.
  - Users must check-in when they start.
  - Length of use is limited to two hours, longer if no one else is waiting.
  - No more than two users will be permitted at the workstation at one time.
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- Printing must be completed within one’s allotted time period, and all printing charges must be paid prior to the jobs being released from the print queue. See SCLS Circulation policy, Appendix A.
- Users may not use sounds and visuals that may be disruptive to others.
- Users are not permitted to install, delete, or modify library hardware or software. If alterations are detected, the patron will be billed for any labor and/or parts required to restore the equipment.
- The Library does not offer electronic mail accounts. Patrons may read and send e-mail if they know the Internet address of their private accounts.
- Library staff will assist patrons with Internet use as time permits, but cannot offer personal instruction on computer use.

### **Disclaimer and Limitation of Liability**

Activities that violate local, state, or federal statutes are prohibited.

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### **Statement of Acceptance**

The patron who chooses to access the Internet in the Scott County Library System after reviewing this Acceptable Use Policy, agrees to abide by it. If there are any remaining questions or concerns, please ask the Librarian for assistance.

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