

**ROSELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
INTERNET SAFETY POLICY AND
POLICY FOR PUBLIC ELECTRONIC INFORMATION, SERVICES
AND NETWORKS**

GENERAL

The Roselle Public Library District, (Library), offers in-library access to electronic information, services and networks, including access to the Internet. All resources accessible through the Library, including Internet resources, are provided equally to all users, with the understanding that it is the individual user's responsibility to demonstrate judgment, respect for others, and appropriate conduct while using the Public Library resources and facilities.

The user is responsible for adhering to all copyright laws for materials and software that is accessed, downloaded, or copied by any means, via the Roselle Public Library Internet access. Parents or legal guardians are responsible for their minor children's use of the Library's resources and facilities. Parents or legal guardians who believe that their minor children cannot responsibly use the Library's Internet access are requested to monitor their children's Internet use.

UNACCEPTABLE USE

It is not acceptable for anyone, including minors, to use Library access to electronic information, services, and networks, including the Internet, for any purposes which violate federal, state or local laws. The user is responsible for knowledge of all applicable federal, state or local laws for which they may be held in violation.

It is not acceptable to use the Library network in such a way as to interfere with or disrupt network users, services, or equipment. Such interference or disruption includes, but is not limited to: distribution of unsolicited advertising; use for commercial or political purposes or solicitations; transmission of threatening, obscene, or harassing materials; propagation of computer worms or viruses;

INTERNET FILTERING

In compliance with the federally mandated provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the Library employs technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") to block or filter access to inappropriate information via the Internet or other forms of electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the CIPA, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

If possible and subject to staff supervision, Internet filters may be disabled or minimized for individuals 17 and older for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

Internet users may request that a blocked site be unblocked. These requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Director, the Automation Coordinator, the Adult Services Department Head, and the Youth Services Department Head. The site will be evaluated based on the Criteria for Selection in the Library's Collection Management Policy. The user will be notified of the group's decision.

DISCLAIMER

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users, including minor users, of Library access to electronic information, services, and networks when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of electronic communications.

The Internet contains information pertaining to a variety of subjects. Not all information is accurate or reliable or appropriate for all ages. The Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. Users should be aware that filters can be unreliable and at times sites with legitimate or educational value can be blocked. The unreliability of filters occasionally allows access to sites that are illegal, obscene or sexually explicit, as defined by applicable law. The Library is not responsible for what users view on the Internet. Parents or legal guardians, and not the Library staff, must accept full responsibility for teaching their child appropriate Internet behavior and for supervising the child's use of the Internet so that inappropriate matter is not accessed.

COMPLIANCE

This policy complies with, and fulfills the requirements of, the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub.L.No.106-554 and 47 USC 254 (h)] also known as CIPA.

ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATION

The Executive Director will review alleged violations of this policy on a case-by-case basis. Violations may result in disciplinary action up to and including revocation of all library access privileges and/or appropriate legal action.

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