

## **Computer and Internet Access Policy**

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The Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library offers computer and Internet access in accordance with the following policy:

Use of library computers and Internet connections constitutes agreement with the Computer and Internet Access Policy.

The Internet is an unregulated global computer network that contains an immense amount of information that is often inaccurate, offensive, subversive, inciteful, defamatory, or illegal. The Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library, in compliance with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), filters all computers in the library to protect against visual depictions of obscenity, pornography, and materials that may be harmful to minors. It is technically impossible to prevent access to all objectionable resources, and what is considered "objectionable" varies widely.

The library maintains that parents and caregivers are solely responsible for their children's use of and exposure to the Internet and will not actively monitor said use.

An adult 18 or older may, through a written request and according to established library procedure, ask to have the filter disabled in order to access filtered information for bona fide research or other lawful purpose.

The library is not responsible for any harm, injury, or damage, direct or indirect, resulting from the use of its computers, the Internet in general or third party sites in particular.

The library reserves the right to implement procedures and protocols to ensure equitable access to computers and the Internet for all users. This may include removing and/or barring devices that slow or otherwise impair public network performance.

The library reserves the right to monitor computer and Internet use; privacy is not implied or guaranteed when using library computers, connections, or networks.

Use of the library's computers for illegal or criminal purposes or to seek access into unauthorized areas is strictly prohibited. Users must respect all copyright laws and licensing agreements pertaining to software, files or other resources obtained via the computers. Users whose conduct violates federal, state or local laws may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Users must refrain from inappropriate conduct such as misrepresenting oneself or the library, sending spam, using abusive or objectionable language in either public or private messages, engaging in harassing behavior such as sending or posting slanderous, libelous, inciteful, obscene or threatening messages.

The library reserves the right to deny use of library computers, connections, and networks to anyone who violates this policy.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Library Board of Trustees.