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Internet and Computer Use

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Stark County District Library that:

Statement

Integral to the mission of the Stark County District Library is the provision of meeting the informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of the diverse population of Stark County. Internet workstations are available to all adults and minors with parental consent as the library strives to be the community's premier resource center. Parents may choose filtered or unfiltered Internet access for their children under the age of 16. Usage is not restricted by need or residency. Each patron is asked to accept the Library's Internet Policy in order to initiate an Internet session.

Parameters

The information available on the Internet, due to its scope and diversity, may not be accurate, authoritative, factual, legal, reliable, or complete. Library patrons should carefully assess the validity of information located on the World Wide Web.

The Stark County District Library's Network supports access to the most commonly used Internet protocols. The content of some web sites may not be accessible due to Network security. Library employees are available to provide limited assistance to individual patrons. Patrons are encouraged to take advantage of Library workshops which provide basic instruction on the Internet and computer skills.

Patrons may save files to floppy disks, jump drives, and CD-R/RW media; send files to their personal e-mail accounts; or print documents for a fee at designated workstations. The option to save personal files to the hard drive or the Network is not available.

The Library's computers can be used to access web-based e-mail accounts.

Patrons are welcome to use the Internet, but may not display images that are deliberately offensive or create a hostile or intimidating environment. Patrons may not display on screens or printers sexually explicit graphics or other materials which may be obscene, illegal, or harmful to minors as defined in local, state, and federal law or applicable court decisions. The use of the Internet or any computer devices within the library to engage in any activity which constitutes a violation of local, state, or federal law is strictly prohibited. Internet users are governed by the library's Appropriate Conduct Policy.

This Internet Policy will be reviewed by the Stark County District Library's Board of Trustees at least annually.

Liability

Absolute privacy for patrons using electronic resources cannot be guaranteed. Any user name, password, e-mail, credit card number, financial, or other information entered may not be private or completely secure.