

MONTROSE REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

INTERNET USE POLICY

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The Montrose Regional Library District offers free and equitable use of the Internet in support of its mission to foster community by providing resources, encouraging reading, and supporting lifelong learning. The District has no control over information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. As with other library materials, supervision and restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. The District assumes no responsibility for damages, direct or indirect, arising from any use of the District's connections to the Internet.

The District requires patrons to be civil and law-abiding in their use of the Internet. To ensure appropriate use of library resources the following are prohibited:

- Using library computers for illegal or criminal purposes;
- Violating legal protections provided by copyright and licenses to programs or data;
- Transmitting or gaining access to inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications;
- Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors;
- Falsifying one's age to gain access to Internet sites;
- Seeking unauthorized access to computers or computing systems.

It is unacceptable for a minor to receive any material that is deemed harmful under the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)] through a website, chat room, email, or other direct electronic communication. Library computers are equipped with a content filter designed to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Only parents with children present will be allowed to sign up for, and make use of, the "Family Computer Workstation." In keeping with Board directives and present practice, minor children shall not use the family station unless a parent or guardian is present.

Violations of this policy will result in loss of computer privileges and may result in loss of library privileges.

The Library believes this policy to be in compliance with the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act and the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act.

This Internet Use Policy was adopted by the Montrose Regional Library District Board of Trustees at a public meeting following normal public notice on June 16, 2011.