Internet Access Policy

In providing materials to assist community residents in meeting their personal, educational, professional and recreation needs, the Chili Public Library provides access to the internet.
It is the policy of the Chili Public Library to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Children under 16 need a parent's written permission to receive a library card and to access the internet. This must be signed with a library staff member present. If a parent does not wish their child to use the internet, this must be indicated in writing at the time the library card is issued. Internet use requires a Monroe County library card. Visitors may request temporary internet access.

The internet may be accessed for 120 minutes/day. Patrons must sign in at a computer and agree to the acceptable use policy on the screen. The Library prohibits the use of mulitple cards and/or use of other people's library cards. The Library reserves the right to terminate an internet session at any time.

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "internet filters") shall be used to block or filter the internet, other forms of electronic communications, and access to inappropriate information.

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

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults, or in the case of minors, minimized only for research or other lawful purposes. Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibilty of the Chili Public Library staff designated by the Library Director.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Chili Public Library online computer computer network when using electronic mail, social media, direct messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications. Internet computers are located in public areas, which are shared with library users of all ages, backgrounds and sensibilities. Users may be reminded that public displays demeaning of gender, race, creed, ethnicity, religious or sexual orientation my be deemed harassment. Use of the internet for activities that violate local, state or federal laws is prohibited. Users may not modify or attempt to damage library computer hardware or software.

It is the policy of the Chili Public Library to comply with the CIPA and in so doing steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users. Specifically, as required by CIPA, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking', and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification regarding minors; (c) committing fraud; (d) viewing pornography.

The Chili Public Library staff shall make reasonable efforts to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the internet in accordance with this policy and CIPA. The Chili Public Library does, however, affirm the right and responsibility of parents to monitor their children's use of library materials and resources.

Adoption

This policy was amended by the Board of Trustees at a public meeting, following public notice on: November 17, 2020, Reviewed March 28, 2023.