

## Computer Use and Internet Access

### Policy #10

The purpose of this policy is to define appropriate use of the technology resources at the Jefferson County Library District by library technology users and includes technology and resources accessed with equipment in the Library, loaned by the Library and via the Library's wireless internet connection. This policy is used in conjunction with the Library's Rules of Behavior, other library policies, and all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations concerning property and computing resources. The use of Library public computers or wireless connection constitutes acceptance of this Computer User and Internet Access Policy.

Access to the networks and the information technology environment at the Jefferson County Library District is a privilege. All users must respect other users' rights, Library's equipment, and all applicable licenses and contractual agreements related to paid resources.

The Library cannot control, monitor, or endorse the content of information, ideas, or opinions found through the Internet. Customers are expected to follow all Library rules. The Library cannot guarantee privacy for individuals using Library computers. Because the Library is a public place, with children present throughout, the Library does not allow the display of visual depictions that are defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act (Pub Law 106.554) as

1. obscene, as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code;
2. child pornography, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; or
3. harmful to minors.

The JCLD defines minors as persons under 18 years of age. The Library recognizes minors' rights to equal Internet access insofar as is compatible with laws protecting minors.

The JCLD complies with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (Pub Law 106.554) by addressing the five key requirements:

1. Prohibits access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet
2. Protects the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications
3. Prohibits unauthorized access including "hacking" and other unlawful activities by minors online
4. Prohibits unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors
5. Incorporates measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors

The JCLD currently restricts access by minors to inappropriate matter with the use of filtering software. Their safety and security when using electronic mail and unauthorized access including "hacking" and other unlawful activities is addressed by insuring that minors in our libraries are never left alone at a computer. Children alone are allowed to use the computers in the children's areas and a children's librarian or other appropriate library staff is always present in the room. Children must present a library card, which is validated against our patron database. Parents are also encouraged to supervise their children's Internet sessions.

The Library assumes no liability for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from the Library's computing resources, including wireless access. This includes damage or injury sustained from invasions of a library

customer's or other person's privacy, loss or damage to users' data or disks, or damage to non-library software or hardware resulting from viruses downloaded via the Library's Internet services.

Library customers will be personally responsible for the costs of any materials ordered via the Internet.

The Library reserves the right to suspend an Internet use session or revoke Internet access privileges and restrict Library use for those in violation of this Internet Access Policy or the Code of Behavior.

“Violation” includes but is not limited to: hacking, accessing illegal sites, damaging computer equipment or software, interfering with systems operations integrity or security, gaining unauthorized access to another person’s files, displaying of material which most people would find offensive, performing any activity that is deliberately offensive or creates an intimidating or a hostile environment, violating copyright laws or software agreements.

Violations may lead to revocation of Library privileges, including the right to visit the buildings and grounds. Offenders ordered from the premises who do not comply may be subject to arrest and prosecution for trespassing.