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Computer and Internet Safety Policy

The Internet provides access to many valuable sources of information, but not all sites are accurate, complete, or current, and some may feature content which a user of the library's computers may find objectionable or offensive. Although Evergreen Park Public Library employs technology protection measures as discussed below, it does not otherwise monitor or control the information accessed, and is not responsible for the content of any sites other than sites created by the library and labeled with its name or symbol.

With respect to any of its computers with Internet access, the library uses technology protection measures in order to (a) protect minors against access through such computers to visual depictions which are obscene, constitute child pornography, or are otherwise harmful to minors, and (b) protect all users against access through such computers to visual depictions that are obscene or constitute child pornography.

Parents and legal guardians are responsible to monitor their children's use of library computers and the Internet as they deem necessary, and are encouraged to supervise their children's Internet sessions. Parents and guardians who do not wish to authorize their minor children to use library computers may so indicate in writing for their children under age 18, and the library card issued will be coded to preclude use of the library's computers.

Use of library computers is governed by the Evergreen Park Public Library Code of Conduct. To maintain an atmosphere conducive to the best use of its resources, the library has also developed the following rules regarding the use of its computers and the Internet:

1. Library patrons may not use the Internet for hacking, unauthorized disclosure of personal identification information about other individuals, or other illegal activities.
2. Users may not invade the privacy of others or engage in any activity that is harassing, defamatory, or threatening.
3. Users may not receive or display graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene or defined by law.
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