

Responsibilities of Computer Users: The Monticello-Union Township Public Library (MUTPL) requires computer users to respect the rights and sensibilities of all library users. Some Internet sites are inappropriate for viewing in a public setting. Users should refrain from the use of Internet sounds and visuals that may disrupt the ability of other library patrons to use the library and its resources. Library staff members reserve the right to end Internet sessions when sexually explicit or pornographic materials are displayed. (See also Illegal and Unacceptable Uses).

1. Internet Safety: Librarians are partners with parents in guiding children to safe and appropriate use of the Internet. Because of the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), MUTPL filters all public computers. Adult patrons may elect to disable the filter for unrestricted Internet access for any lawful purpose that meets MUTPL guidelines. (See appendix C, Freedom To View, page 87). Parents and guardians are responsible for supervising their children's Internet sessions.

2. Copyright: U.S. Copyright law (Title 17, U.S.C.) prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials, except as permitted by principles of fair use. Users may not copy or distribute electronic materials without the explicit permission of the copyright holder. Responsibility for any consequences of copyright infringement lies with the users; MUTPL expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from such use.

3. Software/Hardware: Library software is copyrighted and may not be reproduced. (See also Copyright). Users may not install their own or any other software on library equipment. Users are not permitted to store any software or other data on the Library's computers or alter the programs currently installed on the systems. Anyone tampering with library hardware or software may be denied access to library computers in the future, and also may lose library privileges.

4. Disclaimer: Users access the library computer hardware, software and documentation at their own risk. The Monticello-Union Township Public Library is not responsible for equipment malfunction, loss of data, any damages to the user's disks, data or electronic transactions of any type.

5. Wireless Internet: Free filtered wireless internet is provided by the Monticello-Union Township Public Library for patrons to use their personal laptop computers or equipment. By choosing to use the library's WiFi service, the user agrees to abide by the library's Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Policy. The library assumes no responsibility for any alterations or interference with a computing device configurations, operation or data files resulting from connection to the WiFi Network.

6. Illegal and Unacceptable Uses: Patrons may use the library computers only for legal purposes. Examples of unacceptable uses include but are not limited to the following:

- Display of sexually explicit or pornographic materials;
- Harassment of other or violation of their privacy;
- Libeling, slandering or maliciously offending other users;
- Violation of copyright laws or software licensing agreements;
- Attempting to crash, degrade performance or gain unauthorized access to MUTPL's or other computer systems and networks;
- Damaging equipment, software or data belonging to the MUTPL or other users;

Note; This policy will be reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees.

Sec. 12. (a) This section applies to a board of a public library that allows library patrons to use library software to access the Internet or other computer network.

(b) As used in this section, "computer network" has the meaning set forth in [IC 35-43-2-3](#).

(c) The board of a public library shall adopt a policy concerning the appropriate use of the Internet or other computer network by library patrons in all areas of the library.

(d) The board shall make the policy adopted under subsection (c) readily available to all library patrons.

(e) The board of a public library shall annually review the policy adopted under subsection (c).

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*As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.49.*

Violations of the Monticello-Union Township Public Library's Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Policy may result in the loss of Internet and/or library privileges. Illegal use of the computers also may result in prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.