

**EDWARD F. OWEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
INTERNET USE POLICY**

The Owen Memorial Public Library provides access to a broad range of informational resources including those available through the Internet. The library makes this service available as part of our mission to provide informational, educational, recreational, and cultural resources for library patrons.

The Internet offers access to a wealth of information that can be personally, professionally and culturally enriching. But, because the Internet is a vast and unregulated information network, it also enables access to ideas, information, images and commentary that some patrons may find offensive or objectionable as well as access to sites that may be illegal, unlawful, or obscene.

The Owen Memorial Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content or quality. As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. All children under the age of 18 must have a signed parent permission slip in order to access the Internet.

Use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of this privilege. Examples of inappropriate use include, but are not limited to the following:

- Violation of computer system integrity
- Unauthorized tampering with computer hardware or software
- Violation of software license agreements and copyright laws
- Violation of another user's privacy
- Send, receive, or display obscene material, pornography and other material prohibited under applicable local, state and federal laws
- Damaging or altering the setup of library computers

Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete or current information. Users need to be good information consumers, questioning the validity of the information accessed.

Misuse or abuse of the Internet will result in immediate suspension of Internet privileges.

Library staff on duty has the right to cancel or interrupt the use of the Internet at any time.

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