

INTERNET & COMPUTER USE POLICY

In keeping with its mission, the Chesterfield Township Library provides access to computer software, the Internet, information databases and information in all formats, to promote the free exchange of ideas, and foster life-long learning to meet the community's evolving educational, recreational, cultural, and informational needs.

Information contained on the Internet changes rapidly and unpredictably. The Library has no control over the information on the Internet, and cannot be held responsible for its content. The Chesterfield Township Library cannot ensure the accuracy or the legality of the information accessible via the Internet. The Library does not restrict or protect persons from information found individually offensive, except as provided by law. The user is solely responsible for what they access online. Library staff do not serve *in loco parentis*. Parents or guardians are solely responsible for the information accessed by their children younger than age 18, and have the right and responsibility to restrict their own children's access, and only their own children's access, to Library resources, including the Internet. Chesterfield Township Library supports The Library Privacy Act, 1982, PA 455, MCL 397.601 et sec 6. Internet access is filtered on one or more computers.

Library patrons use the Library's computers and the Internet at their own discretion, yet in a courteous and ethical manner, and are expected to abide by the Library's Code of Conduct. The Chesterfield Township Library, its officers, directors, and employees shall not be liable for any direct or consequential damages as a result of information obtained or provided on the Internet. Patrons should evaluate Internet sources just as they do printed publications, questioning the validity of the information provided.

Illegal activities or any other activities intended to disrupt computer or network services or equipment are prohibited. Using Library resources for unlawful purposes as defined by applicable local, state or federal law may be subject to prosecution for violation. The Library reserves the right to suspend and/or deny computer use or Internet access to patrons causing a disruption to the Library environment. The Library reserves the right to set limitations on the use of electronic resources.

Acceptable Use

Library computers may only be used for legal purposes. Examples of unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Access and display of sexually explicit, obscene, or child pornographic materials
- Access and display of materials "harmful to minors"
- Harassment of other users or violation of their privacy
- Violation of copyright laws, communication laws, program and data licenses, or software licensing agreements
- Damaging equipment, software, or data belonging to the Chesterfield Township Library or other users