FARMINGTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT INTERNET USE POLICY

The Farmington Area Public Library District offers Internet access as an extension of library resources. Offering free public access to the internet is consistent with the library's mission to support lifelong learning. Access is for cultural, educational and informational purposes only. Internet use is a privilege which may be modified or revoked by the library at any time. Users must obey all established standards of online behavior, language, content and security, in addition to the library policies and procedures.

Users Guide to the Internet as a Resource

Remember the Internet is a collection of information not produced nor endorsed by the library. The Internet has become an invaluable tool for research, communication, and entertainment. However, please keep the following in mind.

1. **Information obtained via the Internet may or may not be reliable and may or may not be obtained from a reliable source.**
2. **Information obtained via the Internet may or may not be accurate.**
3. **Information obtained via the Internet may or may not be current.**
4. **Information obtained via the Internet may be considered controversial or offensive by some library patrons.**

This library encourages all library patrons to be informed users and carefully evaluate any information obtained via the Internet. Library staff members may help you evaluate certain types of Internet sources but are not trained to provide definitive analysis of specific sources or sites.

This library is not responsible for damages, indirect or direct, arising from a library patrons' reliance, citation, or other utilization of Internet information resources.

Internet Filtration

All Library computers are equipped with Internet filtration in accordance with federal law regarding acceptance of E-Rate funding, CIPA. for general audiences. Internet filters are designed and intended to block sites deemed to be inappropriate for general audiences.

All Internet filtration devices installed on library computers have been purchased from a commercial vendor. The library does not maintain that the installed filters effectively filter all or any inappropriate materials from access within the library. The library is not responsible for damages, indirect or direct, arising from access, whether voluntarily or involuntarily requested, to inappropriate or offensive Internet sites within the library, regardless of the age of the user or whether arising from the deficiency of the filter or its installation.

Use Policies

- **The Internet may be used by any individual eligible to receive library services, after accepting the Internet Use Agreement.**

Age Restrictions

- **Children under the age of 10 may use the Internet terminal only when accompanied by a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian after a parent or legal guardian has signed an Internet Use Agreement for the child.**
- **Children ages 10 through age 15 may use the Internet terminal independently, after a parent or legal guardian has signed an Internet Use Agreement for the child.**
- **Internet Use Agreements must be signed in person at the library following presentation of proper identification. A parent is interpreted as a child's natural or legally adoptive parent who has full or partial custody rights. A legal guardian must present appropriate documentation of said designation.**

Access and Use of the Library's Internet Connections and Networks by Adults

The library recognizes that electronic information on the Internet may contain material that is inappropriate or offensive to children as well as patrons of all ages. The library requires that all library patrons using the library's Internet connection do so within the guidelines of appropriate and acceptable use. The following are unacceptable:

1. **Any use of electronic information which results in the harassment of others;**
2. **Use of electronic information networks in any way which violates a Federal or State law;**
3. **Unauthorized duplication of protected software or licensing agreements, including but not exclusively, any "hacking;"**
4. **Destruction or damage to, or any alteration of, library computer equipment;**
5. **Alteration of existing library computer configuration; use of features other than those installed on computer by library staff;**
6. **Behaving in a manner that is disruptive to others;**
7. **Accessing child pornography;**
8. **Accessing material depicting offensive sexual conduct which lacks a high level of artistic, political, or scientific value;**
9. **Any unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors;**

The library reserves the right to classify any action, access, or operation on the Internet inappropriate and ban its use by patrons.

Access and Use of the Library's Internet Connections and Networks by Minors Under the Age of 16

All access and use restrictions applicable to adults are also applicable to minors. In addition, the following are specifically unacceptable for minors:

1. **Accessing any inappropriate matter on the Internet; and**

2. **Accessing any picture, image, visual depiction, description, or representation exhibiting qualities of nudity or sexual acts or contact. Exceptions are rare and are only appropriate when images possess overwhelming artistic, political, or scientific value.**
3. **Accessing any library computer at any time which does not have an active Internet filtration device in place.**

The library reserves the right to classify any action, access, or operation on the Internet inappropriate and ban its use by minor patrons.

Parents are expected to monitor and supervise their children's use of the Internet in the library. Parents are encouraged to discuss with their children issues of appropriate use and Internet safety.

Privacy on the Internet

The library will make every effort to allow library patrons to privately use the Internet in the library. However, the library reserves the right to supervise patrons' use of the Internet to reasonably ensure compliance with library Internet policies. The library reserves the right to request an explanation when a patron is found to be accessing material a library staff member reasonably believes to be beyond compliance with Library Internet policy.

Violation of Policy

The violation of any terms of the library's policy may result in suspension or revocation of library Internet access privileges and/or suspension or revocation of general Library use privileges.

Wireless Network Policy

The Farmington Area Public Library District (FAPLD) offers free wireless Internet access to individuals with properly equipped laptops and hand-held computers. Users are expected to use the wireless network in a legal and responsible manner.

By choosing to use this free wireless service you agree to abide by the Library's Internet Use Policy.

Since computer equipment is subject to repair and "downtime" the library does not guarantee that the network will always be available. The library also reserves the right to curtail or discontinue wireless service at any time.

Name (Please Print)

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Registration and User Agreement

1. **I have read the policies concerning the use of the Internet in the library;**
2. **I understand that copyright laws restrict the duplication of copyrighted materials and will follow all copyright laws;**
3. **I understand that if I fail to abide by the library's Internet policies, I can lose my eligibility for use of this service or even use of the library;**
4. **I understand and acknowledge that the Internet contains material of a controversial nature including pornography, obscenity, excessive violence, inflammatory or dangerous material, and that the library has no control over the Internet and assumes no responsibility for the content, quality, accuracy, appropriateness of any Internet resources; and**
5. **I understand that the filters installed on the library computers may or may not be effective in blocking voluntary or involuntary access to inappropriate or offensive material and, by this agreement, release and discharge the library from any direct or indirect liability resulting from such access.**

_____ **Date:** _____

Signature

For Patrons Under the Age of 16: **Birthdate:** _____

As the parent or guardian of _____
I give permission for my child to use the Internet connection at the library, with the understanding that I am responsible for monitoring my child's appropriate use of this service and that I am responsible for any damages that may occur and that I have read, understand, and agree to the above statements, specifically including any deficiencies in the performance or installation of blocking filters.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____