



# INTERNET USAGE POLICY

## I. POLICY

Internet access is provided by the library to ensure universal access to this vast and vital source of information and communication. Skokie Public Library has no control over the information accessed through the internet and cannot be held responsible for its content.

## II. SCOPE

The computing resources offered by Skokie Public Library are to be used in accordance with principles of respect for other users of the system and the equipment. Examples of unacceptable use include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting illegal activity, accessing illegal materials or exhibiting materials which are considered obscene by local community standards as defined by Skokie Village Ordinance 70-242
- Violating another user's privacy
- Attempting to install or run unauthorized software on library computers
- Violating computer system security
- Tampering with library computer hardware or software

Though the library makes every effort to maintain a secure network through use of virus protection and firewalls, it cannot guarantee the complete privacy of transmitted personal information such as credit card and Social Security numbers. Users are advised to give personal information only through websites that encrypt data with Secure Socket Layering (SSL).

## III. RESPONSIBILITY

As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. Because wireless internet access is unfiltered and may be accessed through computers and devices not owned by the library, parents and guardians are hereby notified and encouraged to place appropriate controls or restrictions on the use of personal mobile devices that their children may use in the library.

The library assumes no responsibility for damage, theft, or loss of any kind to a user's personal equipment, software, or data files.

It is the responsibility of the user to respect copyright laws and software licensing agreements.

#### IV. VIOLATION OF TERMS OF USE

Violation of these terms may result in suspension or revocation of library privileges. Use of the computers for illegal activity may also be subject to prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

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