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Acceptable Internet and Computer Use
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The Library (AHPL) provides public access to computer equipment and Internet services at designated public Internet terminals in the Library. Library computers for public use are accessible via a valid AHPL card, computer guest pass or other applicable Library Network-issued Library cards issued by Library staff.
Note that AHPL is unable to monitor or control the information obtained through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its contents. The Internet and its resources may contain controversial, illegal, inaccurate, or inappropriate material. Patrons use the Internet at their own discretion.

Filtering
- In order to comply with the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA") and Michigan's Public Act 212 of 2000 ("PA 212"), all computer terminals are filtered. Further, the Library's wireless access is also filtered. Filtered access means the computer or wireless system has a program installed that is designed to restrict minors from receiving obscene material or sexually explicit material that is harmful to minors as defined by PA 212 and visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors as defined by CIPA.
- The Library reserves the right to use software to block sites that spread viruses, malware, spyware or programs that will damage or interfere with the use of the Library's computers.
- Parents and guardians of minors are responsible for their children's use of the Internet through the Library connection.

Acceptable Use
- It is illegal to use AHPL's Internet connection and workstations for any purpose which violates Federal, State or Local laws
- Users are required to respect intellectual property rights and obey the copyright laws of the United States and all other intellectual property rights.
- Internet users shall not permit any minor to view sexually explicit material or any other material deemed harmful to minors as defined by section 4 of 1978 PA 33, MCL 722.674 by individuals under 18 years of age.
- All patrons must comply with the AHPL Code of Conduct Policy
- The patron is responsible for payment of all printing charges.

- Patrons may not use the Library's computers to disseminate computer viruses, spyware, and malware or to otherwise hack, harm or interfere with the use of any other computer system.
- Patrons are not permitted to change the security setup, operating systems, the network configuration or any other configuration of any Library computer or equipment.
- Tampering with Library equipment is prohibited.

Staff Assistance

Library staff will do their best to assist patrons with any questions they have regarding the Internet or computer usage. However, the Library cannot guarantee that staff will be available at all times to assist patrons when the Library is open. Because of the many different applications available on the Internet, staff may not be able to provide specialized or technical knowledge about a particular application.

Violation

A violation of this policy may result in a temporary or permanent suspension of some or all of the patron's Library privileges.