

# **Internet/General Computer Access Policy**

1. All users of the library's equipment to access Internet connections must agree to follow the library's Internet/General Computer Access Policy.
2. Users must follow all state and federal laws while using the Internet.
3. The library complies with Michigan Public Act 212 of 2000 by allowing access to the Internet as outlined in Sec. 6 (1) (b).
4. The policy prohibits the use of library computer equipment (or personal computers that utilize the wireless or any other library-owned connection) to access, transmit, view or print material that is obscene, pornographic, violent or harmful to minors.
5. The library is committed to providing its patrons with an environment that is free of all forms of harassment. All Internet users must respect the rights of other library patrons by observing the rules and regulations of the library, including but not limited to Harper Woods Ordinance Division 5, Section 2-231 (See City Library; free use, regulations).
6. Internet users shall not access Internet sites that harass other library patrons, use computers or computer programs to damage a computer, alter a computer's settings or infiltrate the library's computer network.
7. Users shall not misrepresent themselves as another person nor use another person's library card information to access the computer management system. Violations may result in the suspension of computer privileges and/or library use.
8. Material on the Internet may be copyrighted; users must obey copyright laws. It is the responsibility of the patron to determine if the material is protected under copyright.
9. Library staff will be available to help patrons with technical problems; however, staff assistance in navigating the Internet or providing detailed instruction on general computer use may be limited.
10. Violations of this policy may result in the suspension of computer and/or library privileges. Persons whose computer and/or library privileges have been suspended may request a review of the suspension by the Library Board of Trustees.
11. Lists of filtered categories (adult card & juvenile/wireless access) are available upon request.

Policy violations may be subject to review by local, state or federal law enforcement agencies.

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