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BACKGROUND

The Shasta Public Libraries (Library) mission is to provide information, lifelong learning, inspiration and enjoyment to people of all ages through reading and technology.

PURPOSE

This policy is written to define acceptable use of the Shasta Public Library’s wireless Internet.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Library to prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, material that is obscene or harmful to minors, as defined below, via Internet, electronic mail or other forms of direct electronic communications; Prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; Prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use or dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; Comply with Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Absolute privacy for customers using electronic resources in the Library cannot be guaranteed. Library users should not have an expectation of privacy when using any form of electronic media through Shasta Public Libraries wireless access points.

User Agreement:

Internet users are expected to act in a responsible and legal manner. Users may not use Library networks or resources to access Internet sites that depict or transmit material that violates State and Federal law. The Library is not responsible for the content of retrieved information. Library users are responsible for critically evaluating the quality and accuracy of material obtained from the Internet.

Users shall utilize the Library network for lawful activities only. They shall not use the network to cause harm to others or damage the property of others. They shall not intentionally upload, download or create computer viruses or other forms of malicious programming, attempt to harm or destroy equipment, manipulate the data of any other user, or seek unauthorized access to network and systems.

Users read and agree to the rules of conduct when reserving and logging in to a computer. Use of library technology by each and every staff member, volunteer, or public user shall constitute that person’s acknowledgment of an agreement to abide by this Internet Use and Safety Policy, including guidelines for use of the Internet by minors.

Additional information regarding Internet and computer use policies can be found at <http://www.shastalibraries.org/policies-637>.

Internet Filters:



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All computers with internet access will use a technology protection measure to block, filter or otherwise protects against access to visual depictions that are obscene, harmful to minors or child pornography, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 2256.

The term “obscene” and “harmful to minors” means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that, taken as a whole, appeal to the prurient interest in sex, which portray “sexual conduct,” a “sexual act,” or “sexual contact” in a patently offensive way, and which do not have serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value. The terms “sexual act” and “sexual contact” have the meanings given such terms in 18 U.S.C. 2246.

Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA):

The Internet is an unregulated, global resource that contains materials that some persons may find offensive. While the Library will take precautions to ensure the safety of minors in the Library, it cannot be responsible for anything that any Library user may see or read while in the Library that the user or, in the case of minors, the user’s parents, may find offensive. The Library urges parents to accompany their children while visiting the Library to ensure that their children are safe at all times.