THE FREE LIBRARY OF
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FREE LIBRARY OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
INTERNET AND WIRELESS USER POLICY

Electronic Resources Acceptable Use Policy

I.   The Free library of Springfield Township offers access to electronic resources primarily as part of its continuing commitment to provide for the informational and educational needs of Springfield Township residents. All electronic resources accessible through the Library are provided equally to all Library patrons with a library card and a current FLS Internet registration.

II.   The Library has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. All library patrons take full, personal responsibility for their use of the Internet and the associated information that may be found. The Library does not select material that may be found on the Internet, nor protect patrons from the information found on the Internet that they may find personally offensive. The library complies with applicable provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (NCIPA) of 2000 requiring use of a technology protection measure to filter visual depictions of content that is obscene (defined by section 1460, Title 18 US Code; Title 18 of the PA Code, Section 5903), depicts child pornography (defined by section 2256, Title 18, US Code), or is material harmful to minors. "Harmful to minors" is defined in CIPA as any image that, with respect to minors, (a) taken as a whole, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion; (b) depicts in a patently offensive way an actual or simulated sexual act or lewd exhibition of the genitals; and (c) taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value. The Free Library of Springfield Township will employ the technology protection measure purchased and configured by the Montgomery County Library & Information Network Consortium (MCLINC).

III.   Access to Internet content is filtered through a technology protection measure. The library advises parents or guardians that they, not the Library or its staff, need to be responsible for the Internet information selected and/or accessed by their children.

IV.   Individuals, who have attained the age of 17 and wish to have unfiltered Internet access, may request that filtering of the content be disabled. Once age verification is established, the staff will disable the filter.

V.   The Library accepts no responsibility for any damages resulting from the use of this service, including, but not limited to, any personal injury, emotional distress or repetitive stress traumas that may be incurred by library patrons or their children through use of the Library Internet equipment. The Library of Springfield Township will not be responsible for damage to a patron's computer or for any liability that may occur from patron use of downloaded information or software. Ultimate responsibility for the resolution of problems related to the invasion of the user's privacy or loss of data rests with the user. To protect their own safety library patrons should not disclose personal information about themselves when using electronic mail, chat rooms or other forms of direct electronic communication. The library charges parents with the responsibility for ensuring that minor children comply with this safety policy. The Free Library of Springfield Township assumes no liability for loss or damage to the user's data or for any damage or injury arising from invasion of the user's privacy.

VI.   Transmission of any material in violation of any United States or state regulation is prohibited (i.e., copyrighted material, threatening, harassing, or obscene material, or material protected by trade secrets). Use of the licensed electronic resources at the Free Library of Springfield Township for commercial gain or profit is prohibited, as specified by the terms of the licensing agreement. Malicious use of the electronic resources, including, but not limited to: attempts to circumvent system security, guess passwords, or gain unauthorized access to local or network resources is forbidden.

VII.   The Free Library of Springfield Township reserves the right to modify this policy at any time. Failure to follow or abide by the Library's electronic resources policies and guidelines will result in the loss of library privileges and possible legal action, if warranted. Users are responsible for reading and following any modified, changed or new policies. Any modification to the Library's electronic resources' policies will be posted. (Revised by the Free Library of Springfield Township Advisory Board --- June, 2007)

Electronic Resources Acceptable Use Procedures

I.   Library users may log-on to any of the library's computer workstations using the 14-digit barcode number of their library card. Visitors who live outside the community who wish to use library Internet computers may use a guest log-on.

II.   Users may use the Internet for research and the acquisition of information to address their educational, vocational, cultural, and recreational needs.

III.   Users may use the Internet for the receipt and transmission of electronic mail (e-mail) as long as they use a free Internet-based e-mail service which

will establish and maintain an account for them; the library will not manage e-mail accounts for any organizations or individuals.

IV.   Internet use is offered in sixty (60) minute sessions on a first-come, first-served basis. Each user is allowed one session. If there is no patron waiting for the service at the end of a session, the user can continue their session, but once having had the service for 60 minutes the user must abandon use of the Internet if another patron requests use of the service.

V.   Users will respect and uphold copyright laws and all other applicable laws and regulations; they will not use library Internet resources for illegal purposes.

VI.   Users will respect the rights and privacy of others by not accessing private files.

VII.   Users agree not to incur any costs for the library through their use of the Internet service.

VIII.   Users shall not create and/or distribute computer viruses or destructive computer code over the Internet.

IX.   Users shall not deliberately or willfully cause damage to computer equipment, programs, or parameters.

X.   Users will abide by the Electronic Resources Acceptable Use Policy.

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