

**PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE INTERNET
OHIO PUBLIC LIBRARY INFORMATION NETWORK (OPLIN)**

INTRODUCTION

Integral to the mission of the library is meeting the informational needs of the diverse population in Pickaway County. The library endeavors to develop collections, resources, and services to meet these needs. It is within this context that the Pickaway County District Public Library offers access to the Internet via the Ohio Public Library Information Network. (OPLIN)

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INTERNET ACCESS GUIDELINES

The library employs the use of filtering software to assist in prohibiting access to material that is obscene, contains child pornography, or is harmful to minors and to comply with federal law. However, users should be aware that the nature of the Internet precludes any filtering software from being fully effective. Parents or guardians, not the library or its staff, are responsible for the Internet information selected and/or access by their children. Parents or guardians may restrict their children from access to Internet resources. The library staff cannot provide in-depth training concerning Internet computer jargon, or personal computer use. Staff may, however, be able to provide "search" suggestions and answer questions.

INTERNET USE POLICY

1. Internet users must have a valid library card and must have card with them at time of use.
2. First time users must register to use the Internet; they will sign and receive a copy of this policy at that time.
3. Registered users must log onto the computer by entering their library card number and pin number. The pin number is usually the last four digits of the user’s telephone number.
4. Internet use is limited to two hours per day, one-half hour at a time, unless no one else is waiting.
5. Computers are normally available, subject to periodic maintenance, during library hours.
6. Users may send or receive web-based e-mail only. Chat rooms and instant messaging are not permitted.
7. Downloading of any software to library computers is prohibited.
8. You may not use your own software programs on any library computer.
9. Users may use their own floppy disks on the computers. Other media may be used at the discretion of the library.
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10. Printers are provided for public use, check with library staff for current printing costs. Users are responsible for payment of all pages generated. The only exception is when the equipment malfunctions.
11. Parents of children under 18 may register their children for the Internet. To register, each child must have his own library card. In addition, children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by their parent or guardian.
12. No more than 2 people may use a computer at one time.
13. Users may not change the configuration of the software or alter any files.
14. Display of sexually explicit graphics is prohibited.
15. Display or transmission of profane, abusive, or threatening language is prohibited.
16. Unauthorized copying of copyright protected material is prohibited.
17. Violating any local, state, or federal statute is prohibited.
18. Destruction or damage of equipment due to willful misuse will result in legal action.
19. Headphones may be checked out at the information desk.
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I understand that failure to follow this policy and guidelines will result in loss of Internet privileges and may result in loss of library privileges. I further understand that it may also result in legal action. By registering to use the Internet, I hereby agree to abide by this policy and guidelines. In the case of a minor child (under 18), I agree to allow my child or ward to search the Internet

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NAME (SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

NAME (PRINT PLEASE)

NAME OF MINOR CHILD (PRINT)