Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Craig County Public Library's mission is to empower individuals and build our community by bringing people, information and resources together. In keeping with this mission, the library provides public access to the internet.

The internet is a valuable resource that enables library patrons to access information beyond that contained in the library's book and video collection. However, it is unregulated and not all information found there is accurate, current, or complete. The internet also provides access to sites containing material that some patrons will find offensive and may be illegal or controversial.

The library upholds and affirms each individual's right to access Constitutionally-protected material. The library also affirms the right and responsibility of parents to monitor their minor children's use of library materials and resources, including internet access.

In accordance with section 42.1-36.1 of the Code of Virginia (effective July 1, 2007), all library public access computers are required to have filters that block access to materials that are obscene, contain child pornography, or are harmful to minors. The Library Board of Trustees has authorized library employees to temporarily disable the required content filter at the request of an adult patron for *bona fide* research or other lawful purposes.

Conditions of Use   Use of library resources, including internet access, is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a suspension of that privilege. Serious or repeated abuse of the privilege may result in a permanent ban and law enforcement authorities may be called.

Examples of unacceptable use (some of which have legal consequences) include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Violation of computer system integrity
- Unauthorized tampering with computer hardware or software
- Violation of software license agreements and copyright laws
- Violation of another user's privacy
- Use of sounds or visuals which are disruptive to other library users
- Sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading illegal material
- Sending, receiving, or displaying graphics which may be reasonably construed as obscene

Signing On   All individuals using the Library's computers must provide their library card or, in the case of visitors, proof of identification. Signing on is an acknowledgement of and an agreement to adhere to our internet policy.

Time Limits   There are no time limits when no one is waiting. When a waiting list is active, each user will be limited to 30 minutes from the time he/she signs on. Adults using the public access laptops will be allowed up to 2 hours. Computers will be shut down 15 minutes prior to closing time.

Waiting List   Individuals not finding an available computer are welcome to wait. The wait time should be no more than 30 minutes. Patrons waiting will be given access on a first come, first served basis, provided they are in the library when a computer becomes available.

Staff Assistance   Due to limited staff, the library cannot provide in-depth training or assistance. Limited assistance will be provided as time permits.

Printing and Downloading   Printing is permitted at a cost. Downloading onto the computer and to a personal storage device is permitted at no charge.

Internet Use by Children   Parents or guardians are responsible for electronic information selected or accessed by their children. All patrons under 18 must have a signed permission on file from a parent or legal guardian in order to use the internet. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible adult when accessing the internet.