

### **3: ACCEPTABLE INTERNET USE POLICY**

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- A.** York County Public Library provides access to Internet resources for public use. The library does not monitor or control information available on the Internet and is responsible only for content on its own website. Because online information may be inaccurate, outdated, or offensive, users must evaluate the reliability and suitability of material they access. Parents or legal guardians—not library staff—are responsible for supervising their children’s Internet use and determining what content is appropriate.
- B.** A network-level filtering system is in place to block access to visual depictions defined as obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors, consistent with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Filtering technology is not completely effective, and parents or guardians remain responsible for determining what Internet resources are appropriate for their children.
- C.** While Library computers and WiFi are maintained for safe and equitable use, users assume all risks associated with Internet access. The Library and York County Government are not liable for damage or loss resulting from computer viruses, technical malfunctions, power failures, or other disruptions. Patrons are encouraged to use caution when entering personal, financial, or sensitive information on public computers.
- D.** Because the possession or distribution of obscene materials and child pornography is illegal in the Commonwealth of Virginia, patrons may not use library electronic equipment to access, view, download or print such materials. See (Code of Virginia Section 18.2-372 through 18.2-391.1; United States Code Title 18 Chapter 71 & 110).
- E.** Internet patrons are bound by all applicable local, state, and federal laws relating to electronic media, including but not limited to copyright, privacy, security, fraud, and computer crime statutes, such as: The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act; The Virginia Computer Crimes Act; The Electronic Communications Privacy Act; The U. S. Copyright Act; The Digital Millennium Copyright Act; The Virginia Consumer Data Protection Act; Code of Virginia Section 18.2-152.7.
- F.** Patrons must respect the privacy and rights of other Internet users. Disruptive behavior or interference with others’ use of public-access computers is prohibited and may result in removal from the library.
- G.** The York County Public Library complies with United States copyright law (Title 17, United States Code). Unauthorized copying or distribution of software, audiovisual materials, or digital media by patrons or staff using library equipment is prohibited.
- H.** Failure to comply with this policy may result in sanctions ranging from a warning to suspension of Internet privileges depending on the severity and frequency of the violation. Repeated or severe violations may result in permanent loss of privileges. Violations of law may be referred to law enforcement.

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