

# ARGOS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY POLICY

This document is a library-wide policy for the use of computer networks and the resources they make available, as well as for the use of the stand-alone computers owned and administered by APL. The Internet and its available resources contain a wide variety of material and opinions from varied points of view. Many sites contain valuable and timely information; however, other sites may contain material that is inaccurate, defamatory, illegal, or offensive to some people. The use of the Internet is a privilege and access is voluntary.

Argos Public Library provides filtering of all computers in the library to protect against visual depictions of obscenity, child pornography, and materials harmful to minors. While Argos Public Library attempts through filtering software to prevent direct access to materials that would not be generally acceptable in a public library, it is technically impossible to prevent access to all objectionable resources. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of parents and guardians to monitor and guide their own children in the use of the Internet.

While using computer and Internet services provided by Argos Public Library, persons of all ages shall:

1. Not access, transmit, upload, download, or distribute material or language that is pornographic, abusive, sexually explicit, obscene, child pornography, harmful to minors, or otherwise inappropriate for a public library setting;
2. Not engage in any illegal activities on the Internet;
3. Not vandalize, damage, or disable the property of another individual or organization;
4. Not violate copyright or otherwise use intellectual property of another individual or organization without permission;
5. Not engage in hacking or attempts to otherwise compromise any computer or network system;
6. Use electronic mail and other forms of non-chat electronic communications only for purposes appropriate in a public library setting; and
7. Not use chat, chat rooms, or messenger.

In addition, minors (person younger than 18 years of age) shall:

1. Not disclose personal identification information on the Internet; and
2. Be monitored by library staff.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

Internet access is available for all adults 18 years of age and up. Internet access will be

When minors under the age of 12 use the Internet, they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**USER AGREEMENT TERMS:**

1. Minor users up to 12 must be accompanied by adult.
2. Sign in at the Circulation Desk before beginning your session and log off when leaving the computer.
3. Recommended access time is 60 min/session. Please be aware of others who may need to use the computer.
4. Last session for the day will begin no closer than 30 min of closing time.
5. All sessions must be completed within 15 min of closing time.
6. Notify the Library Staff immediately if you have a problem with the computer.
7. You may bring in your own storage devices to save your work. Copying fees are \$.15/page for black & white and \$.50/page for color.

Inappropriate use of library-provided computer and Internet services, as determined by the library will result in the loss of access to computer and Internet services and expulsion from the library. Illegal acts involving library-computing resources may also be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.

An authorized library staff member may disable the filtering software for adult use to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purpose.

Argos Public Library makes no warranties of any kind, neither expressed nor implied, for the Internet access it is providing. The library is not responsible for the accuracy, nature, or quality of information gathered through library-provided Internet access.

In consideration of Argos Public Library providing patrons with access to the Internet, patrons agree to hold the library harmless and agree to indemnify the library from any and all liability.

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