

White Lake Community Library
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POLICY RESTRICTING MINORS FROM ACCESSING OBSCENE MATTER OR MATERIALS

Purpose

South Dakota State Law 22-24-56 requires that the White Lake Community Library:

1. Equip each public access computer with software that will limit minors' ability to gain access to obscene matter or material, as defined by Section 22-24-27, or purchase internet connectivity from an internet service provider that provides filter services to limit access to obscene material; and
2. Develop and implement, by January 1, 2025, a local policy that establishes measures to restrict minors from accessing obscene matter or materials. The public library shall:
 - a. Publish the policy on the official website of the political subdivision that maintains the library; or
 - b. Publish the policy annually in a legal newspaper designated by the governing body of the political subdivision that maintains the library pursuant to 7-18-3 or 9-12-6.

Definition

South Dakota State Law 22-24-27(11) defines obscene materials as:

(11) "Obscene material," material:

- a. The dominant theme of which, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest;
- b. Which is patently offensive because it affronts contemporary community standards relating to the description or representation of sado-masochistic abuse or sexual conduct; and
- c. Lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

Policy

In compliance with South Dakota law, the library does not collect materials found to violate Section 22-24-27(11).

Children under 18 may access the Internet upon written permission being granted by a parent or guardian with the agreement that the parent is responsible for monitoring his/her child's appropriate use of the Internet and is responsible for any damage that may occur resulting from the child's use.

Children under the age of ten (10) must be accompanied by and supervised by an adult or sibling 13 years of age or older.

Parents and adult caregivers are expected to monitor and supervise children's use of the library's resources, including the Internet, in selecting material that is consistent with personal and family values. Parents are cautioned that the library and its available resources may contain materials that some find controversial.

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act, the library utilizes a technology protection measure that blocks access to images deemed (a) obscene; (b) child pornography; or (c) harmful to minors. The White Lake Community Library does not monitor and has no control over the information published by third parties that is accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for any such content accessed on the Internet.

The White Lake Community Library supports the right of all members of the community to have free and equal access to the entire range of library resources, regardless of content, approach, format, or amount of detail. The White Lake Community Library upholds and affirms the right of each individual to have access to constitutionally protected materials and also affirms the right and responsibility of parents to determine and monitor their children's use of library materials and resources.

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