

# DIVERNON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

# INTERNET POLICY

## PHILOSOPHY

The Divernon Township Library provides public access to the Internet in keeping with its role in providing equal access to information and resources to meet the informational, educational, and recreational needs of the community.

## NATURE OF THE INTERNET

- The Internet is unregulated and differs from the Library collection in that it is not organized, cataloged, or evaluated by Library staff or any one organization.
- The Library has no control over the Internet and its resources, and assumes no responsibility for the quality, accuracy, or currency of any Internet resource. Patrons should recognize that the Internet might contain material of a controversial nature.
- As is the case with other materials in the Library's collection, any restriction or monitoring of a child's access to information on the Internet is the sole responsibility of that child's parent or legal guardian.
- At times, patrons may not be able to access sites on the Internet for a variety of reasons that are beyond the control of the library.

## PRIVACY

- The Library is dedicated to safeguarding the privacy of all patrons. However, patrons should recognize that the public use computers are visible to other patrons and/or staff and should use caution when viewing or inputting sensitive data on public computers.

## SECURITY

- In an electronic environment such as the Internet, security cannot be guaranteed; all transactions, files, and communication are vulnerable to unauthorized access.

## UNACCEPTABLE USE

- It is not acceptable to use the Divernon Township Library's access to electronic information, services, and/or networks for any purposes which violate federal, state or local laws; to transmit threatening, obscene, or harassing materials; or to interfere with or disrupt network users, services, or equipment. Disruptions include, but are not limited to: libeling or slandering other users; or unauthorized copying of copyright-protected material. The user will be responsible for

knowledge of all applicable federal, state, and local laws for which they may or may not be held in violation.

- Individuals are responsible for any purchases made using the Internet computers.
- Use of the Divernon Township Library Internet connection for commercial gain is prohibited.
- Only computer equipment and software owned and installed by the Divernon Township Library may be used on its computers. Adding, deleting, or modifying the installed hardware and software is not permitted. Destruction of, damage to, or unauthorized alteration of the library's computer equipment, software, or network security procedures is prohibited.

## **VIOLATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

- Use of the Divernon Township Library's Internet access is a privilege, not a right, nor an automatic obligation of the library to provide. Unacceptable or inappropriate use of the Internet or any library owned hardware or software will result in suspension or revocation of the Divernon Township Library Internet privileges and may result in loss of other Library privileges.
- The User and/or Parent/Legal Guardian will be held financially responsible for any damage to equipment, software, or data.
- Illegal acts involving the Library's Internet connection may also be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.

## **DISCLAIMER**

- The Divernon Township Library disclaims any liability or responsibility arising directly or indirectly from access to or use of the Divernon Township Library Internet connection, or from information obtained through same, or any consequences thereof.
- The Library assumes no responsibility for any activities conducted by users of the library workstations.
- The Library is not liable for costs incurred through patron use of fee-based services.

## **POLICY MODIFICATION**

- The Library reserves the right to modify this policy at any time.