

## **INTERNET ACCESS AND ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY OF THE EMMAUS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Emmaus Public Library's Internet access is provided to the public as part of the library's information service. Patrons are encouraged to explore the Internet on their own or with help from the library staff. The library provides Internet access with workstations for public use. Wireless access to the internet is available for patrons who have their Wireless-enabled devices.

The library does not provide subscription services or personal communication services, such as private or public chats, retail shops, shipping, publishing, or other fee-based services. Introductory classes on how to use computers, programs, or use of the Internet are offered occasionally.

Patrons may not install, distribute, download, or reproduce software, hardware or copyright protected media onto any library owned device.

All patrons using network resources in the Emmaus Public Library must exhibit a willingness to limit time on computer systems. Internet users are expected to use the Internet as an educational resource. The following procedures and guidelines are used to help ensure appropriate use of the Internet at the Emmaus Public Library.

### **Use of the Internet by Minors (ages 17 or younger)**

- a. Minors shall not access material that is obscene, pornographic, "harmful to minors", or otherwise age inappropriate.
- b. Workstations cannot be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purpose, including any activities prohibited under any applicable federal, Pennsylvania, or local laws, including activities in violation of 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. Sec.5903.
- c. Minors should use caution in their use of electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications, as these forms of communication can expose minors to dangerous situations.
- d. Minors should never disclose personal information, such as name, address, telephone number, and school on the Internet.
- e. Minors and their guardians must be aware that they are working on a public workstation and the expectation of privacy should be minimal.

The Emmaus Public library will not monitor or censor individual work sessions and cannot be held liable for access of materials. Any violation of library policy or rules may result in loss of library-provided access to the Internet. Additional

disciplinary action may be determined in keeping with existing procedures and practices regarding inappropriate language or behavior. When and where applicable, law enforcement agencies will be involved.

### **Use of the Internet by Adults (18 and older)**

- a. Adults shall not access material that is obscene or pornographic.
- b. Workstations cannot be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purpose, including any activities prohibited under any applicable federal, Pennsylvania, or local laws, including activities in violation of 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. Sec.5903.
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### **Wireless Access Policy**

Wireless access is available to all library guests. No library card or ID is required, though you must enter a password to connect. The password may be obtained at the Front desk.

Guests are expected to comply with the Emmaus Public Library's Internet Policies at all times and use the network in a legal and responsible manner. Use of the library's wireless network is at your own risk.

Our network is in compliance with and meets the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act - it filters all internet usage and may block websites, links, or uploads and downloads.

### **Enforcement of policy**

- a. The Emmaus Public Library uses a technology protection measure which blocks or filters Internet access to some Internet sites that are not in accordance with the policy of the Emmaus Public Library.
- b. Any patron may have his or her library privileges suspended and/or be removed from the premises, and/or be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency for any misuse of the internet services.

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