

INTERNET/COMPUTER USE POLICY

Internet access at the Lenox Township Library is an extension of the Library's commitment to meeting the community's information needs. In addition to using the Internet as an information resource, the Library provides public access to the Internet via library-owned computers and wireless access. A library card is necessary to access the computers. This card must be current and in good standing.

The Internet is a global electronic network that provides resources and facilitates communication. Library staff cannot control access points that often change rapidly and unpredictably. The Library cannot be held responsible for the content, quality, accuracy, or currency of information accessed on the Internet.

Users should be aware that material on the Internet is copyrighted. It is the responsibility of the user to be aware of the display of any notices concerning the copyright of information and to respect the copyright laws of the United States.

Users should be aware that they are working in a public environment shared by people of varying ages and sensibilities and should refrain from use of internet sounds and visuals which might disrupt the ability of others to use the Library and its resources. Headphones are available for purchase at the circulation desk or users may bring their own. Users are not to display on screens and/or print materials that may be objectionable.

The Internet Workstations are not restricted from receiving any material. The Library complies with Michigan Public Act 212 of 2000 by allowing minors to only have filtered access to the Internet. The parent (or legal guardian) of a minor may choose to allow the minor unfiltered Internet access. The parent (or legal guardian) must complete the Internet Access portion of the Library Card application.

No filtering software can guarantee that it will block all obscene or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors, or all matter that an individual may deem inappropriate. Therefore, the Library encourages parents and guardians to share in their child's use of the Internet.

A **per page fee** is charge for prints from an Internet workstation at a rate of \$.15 per page for black and white and \$.50 for color. The computer may not be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purpose, including any activities prohibited under any applicable Federal, State or local laws.

Internet access may not be available due to technical problems.

The Internet workstations must be used in a responsible manner, respecting the rights of others, and taking care with the use of the equipment. Computer and Internet settings may not be changed or computers rebooted by anyone other than library staff.

Library Staff may impose restrictions, such as time limits, on the use of Library equipment. Due to the limited number of Internet workstations, each patron will receive one computer session, up to 60 minutes in length, per day. Additional sessions will not be granted, even if a

patron does not use the whole 60 minutes of their session. While respecting an individual user's right to privacy, Library staff reserves the right to monitor to use of Internet workstations to ensure compliance with the policy. Staff may ask users to remove themselves from Library equipment including Internet access may result in suspension of Library privileges.