



Internet and Computer Use Policy

Perry County Public Library System

1 The Perry County Libraries are pleased to offer public use of the Internet as part of the library's
2 mission to promote the love of reading and provide access to free resources in pursuit of
3 knowledge and enjoyment.

4 **Guidelines**

- 5 1. In accordance with the Tennessee Code Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 9, sending, receiving,
6 or displaying text or graphics that may be reasonably construed as obscene by community
7 standards inside or on the grounds of Perry County Public Libraries is prohibited, regardless of
8 age of the library patron using computers inside Perry County Public Libraries.
- 9 2. Users must accept and comply with all U.S. copyright laws and licensing agreements
10 pertaining to software, files, and other resources obtained via the Internet. The library expressly
11 disclaims any responsibility resulting from copyright infringement by a library patron.
- 12 3. Downloading of images or files from the Internet to the computer's hard drive is
13 permitted. Unknown files will be purged from the system daily.
- 14 4. All Internet users should avoid disclosing personal information over the Internet to
15 preserve their own personal safety. Library Internet users are prohibited by law from disclosing,
16 using, or disseminating personal information regarding minors without written authorization of
17 the parent or legal guardian of the minors involved.
- 18 5. Engaging in any of the following activities is a violation of policy: libeling or slandering
19 of others; uploading a worm, virus, or other harmful form of programming or vandalism;
20 participating in hacking activities or any form of unauthorized access to other computers,
21 networks, or information systems.
- 22 6. Internet users are prohibited from using the library computers or Internet connection to
23 compromise the safety and security of minors when using e-mail, chatrooms, social media and
24 other forms of direct or indirect electronic communications. Such use includes, but is not limited
25 to giving others private information about one's self or others or arranging a face-to-face meeting
26 with someone one has met on the Internet without a parent or legal guardian's permission.
- 27 7. Limited staff time and expertise do not permit training in the use of software, but staff
28 will provide basic assistance with startup, and with saving and printing files.

30 **Technology Protection Measures**

31 In compliance with Section 9134(f)(1) of the Library Services and Technology Act, all
32 computers with access to the Internet and available for use by the public will include technology
33 protection measures *for minors* that protect against access through such computers to visual
34 depictions that are: (1) obscene; (2) child pornography; or (3) harmful to minors; and the library
35 is enforcing the operation of such technology protection measure during any use of such
36 computers *by minors*; and All computers with Internet access will include the operation of a
37 technology protection measures with respect to all of its computers that protects against access

38 through such computers to visual depictions that are (1) obscene; or (2) child pornography; and
39 the library is enforcing the operation of such technology protection measure during any use of
40 such computers.

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42 **Disclaimer**

43 The Internet, as an information resource, enables the library to provide information beyond the
44 confines of its own collection. It allows access to ideas, information and commentary from
45 around the world. Information access through the Internet is not warranted by the library to be
46 accurate, authoritative, factual, or complete. It is the patron's responsibility to verify the accuracy
47 of any material found on the Internet. Therefore, library patrons are advised to exercise critical
48 judgment when using information from the Internet, realizing accuracy, completeness and
49 currency vary widely. Accurate, comprehensive, and current information may be found online at
50 the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL).

51 Although the library uses a program that checks for viruses, there is no guarantee that files
52 downloaded from the Internet are virus-free. The library is not responsible for any damages that
53 may arise from accessing, saving or downloading files.

54 **Responsibility**

55 As with all library resources, the library affirms the right and responsibility of parents and
56 guardians to determine and monitor their minor children's use of the Internet. It is the
57 responsibility of the parents or legal guardians to monitor their children's Internet usage, not the
58 responsibility of library staff, volunteers, or other library patrons.

59 All Internet resources accessible through the library are provided to all users. There is no age
60 limit for use of any materials provided on the Internet. Children have access to the same
61 resources as adults. It is left to the discretion of the parent or legal guardian to decide what
62 resources are appropriate for their children.

63 **Violations**

64 Individuals who use the library's computer resources and Internet inappropriately and do not
65 comply with the guidelines, may have their library privileges suspended upon the first
66 occurrence of said violation for up to 30 days during which entrance to any public library in
67 Perry County will be denied. Subsequent violations may result in library privileges being
68 suspended for up to a year. Individuals using library computers or Internet connection for illegal
69 purposes or who cause malicious destruction to property may also be subject to criminal
70 prosecution.