



Bridgeville Public Library Internet Safety and Computer Use Policy

GUIDELINES FOR USAGE

Free access to the Internet is available for all users. Computer users must register by entering the barcode number of their library card on the computer screen. If the user has over \$10.00 in fines or the card has expired, access will be denied until the blocks are resolved. Visitors will be given a guest card.

Staff may assist any patron in signing on to the Internet and further instruction in Internet use will be given as current work conditions allow.

Parents or legal guardians, and not the Library or its staff, are responsible for monitoring their children's use of the Internet and for the information selected and/or accessed by their children. The Library strongly encourages parents or legal guardians to supervise their children's Internet use.

RULES FOR USAGE

Internet workstations cannot be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purposes, including hacking, access by minors to inappropriate Internet matter, or other activities prohibited under any applicable federal, state, or local laws including activities in violation of 18PA.C.S 5903 (PA Criminal Code).

All users should realize that the computers are located in an open and non-private area of the library. The screens may be viewed at any time by minors, other patrons or staff. Do not access: sexually explicit or gratuitously violent materials; telephony; instant messaging; or any other forms of chat rooms. Do not change settings on the computers. Anyone misusing or damaging the computers may have library privileges suspended, be prosecuted and be financially liable for any damage to the equipment.

CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (CIPA) COMPLIANCE

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) is a federal law that requires all computers in a public library to be filtered by July 1, 2004 if that library accepts any federal funds for Internet access or computers used for Internet access. Bridgeville Public Library is complying with this law as a participating library of the eiNetwork consortium. Please be aware that filters are not Approved by the Library Board of Bridgeville Public Library May 11, 2004. Updated May 18, 2018.

totally reliable. At times sites with legitimate informational or educational value can be blocked or access to sites that are illegal, obscene, or sexually explicit within the meaning of 18 Pa. Cons. Stat. Sec 5903 can be allowed. Anyone seventeen years of age or older may request that the filter be disabled without significant delay by a staff member. An authorized staff member may override the filter for a minor (age sixteen years or younger) in the event that the filter wrongly blocks or filters internet access to a specific site with legitimate informational value.

COMPLIANCE WITH LIBRARY POLICY

Violation of any part of this policy may result in suspension or loss of the privilege to use these resources and/or expulsion from the library.

Any illegal activity involving the Library's Internet resources or equipment will be subject to prosecution by the appropriate authorities.