

BARTLESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY ON INTERNET SAFETY

To comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254 (h)], it is the required policy of the Bartlesville Public Library to:

- Prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications;
- Prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; and
- Prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors.

Definitions: Key terms are as in the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA*) and defined by Library Staff.

Access to Inappropriate Material

- To the extent practical, technology protection measures (Internet filters) shall be used to block or filter access to inappropriate information on the Internet.
- Inappropriate material is defined as "visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, any material deemed harmful to minors", i.e., depictions of human nudity for the purpose of erotic arousal, and depictions of violence for the purposes of sensationalism.
- Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled in the case of adults, or in the case of minors (individuals aged 17 and younger), minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the Library's online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications. Specifically, as required by CIPA, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes:

- Unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking" and other unlawful activities
- Unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification regarding minors

Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Library Staff to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and CIPA.

Procedures for disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the PC Administrator or designated representative.

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***CIPA definition of terms:**

- **Technology protection measure:** a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are
 - **Obscene:** as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code
 - **Child Pornography:** as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18 United States Code
 - **Harmful to Minors:** any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that
 - Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex or excretion;
 - Depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
 - Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.
 - **Sexual act, sexual contact:** as that term is defined in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.