Internet Safety Policy: Lemont Public Library District

Introduction

It is the policy of the Lemont Public Library District to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)].

Definitions

Key terms are as defined in the Children's Internet Protection Act and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter the Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults (age 17 or older) [or, in the case of minors, 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 Lemont Public Library District online computer network when using electronic mail, social networking sites, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking,' and other unlawful activities; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal

identification information regarding minors. Users are also prohibited from using the Library's network to engage in cyberbullying, harassment, or the demeaning of others.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of the Lemont Public Library District to train staff members to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Procedures for disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Library Director or designated representatives.

Reviewed and Adopted

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