

Internet Access Policy

The Ida Rupp Public Library Board of Trustees makes available computers with Internet access as part of its mission to provide access to resources to meet the diverse educational, informational and entertainment needs of the community.

Providing access to the Internet does not mean or imply that the Library endorses or sanctions any material found on the Internet.

The Internet is an unregulated medium, and library staff cannot and do not monitor or control patrons' use of the Internet. The Internet does contain material of a controversial nature, and some content is inappropriate for children. Some material available through the Internet may not meet the Library's Materials Selection Policy. Users must use critical judgment when using the Internet.

By using Library computers, or Internet connection, patrons agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Ida Rupp Public Library, the State Library of Ohio, and the Ohio Public Library Information network from any and all claims or losses arising out of or in any way relating to the use of Library computers or the Internet.

As with all materials and services in the library, any restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the sole responsibility of the parent, guardian, or caregiver. Parents are encouraged to work with their children to develop rules for the use of the Internet.

The Library's computers are meant to be used in a responsible and ethical matter consistent with the educational, informational and entertainment purposes for which they are provided.

Responsible and ethical use includes:

- Not using the Internet for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes;
- Not attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others; not seeking unauthorized access to any computer system; not damaging or altering software or hardware.
- Not sending, receiving or displaying text or graphics which are illegal, or may reasonably be construed as obscene or offensive.

The library maintains a website to further communication with its patrons and to provide remote access to its resources. In choosing resources to link directly to its website, the library follows its materials selection policy. However, the library does not monitor or control information accessible through the Internet and is not responsible for the content of that information.