

## COMPUTER AND INTERNET POLICY

Access to the Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney Long Lake Public Library's computer resources is a privilege, not a right, and is permitted with restrictions and responsibilities on the part of the user.

### Patrons who wish to use a computer for accessing the Internet or other purposes must:

- Sign the Computer Use Register at the circulation desk, whereby they agree to abide by all provisions of the CVW Long Lake Public Library Computer and Internet policy;
- Confine their use to one-half hour unless all other users have been accommodated and a staff member has extended this limit; time may be reserved ahead, in person or by phone;
- Limit the number of people at a workstation to two;
- Copy any material they want to save to the printer or to a data storage device purchased from the library; users may not insert their own disks or copy to the hard disk;
- Pay a fee of \$.25 per printed page for black & white 8 1/2x11" and \$.50 for 11x17" pages. Color printed pages are \$.50 for 8 1/2x11" and \$1.00 for 11x17".

### Computer users may not:

- Attempt to violate system security;
- Damage, deface or destroy library property;
- Add, delete, modify, or move library hardware or installed software or data;
- Use computers for any unlawful purpose such as hacking or violating copyright law;
- Use Internet access for commercial use;
- Use such access to misrepresent themselves, to invade others' privacy, or to harass, libel or slander other persons;
- Access chat rooms or illegal materials such as obscene material or child pornography;
- Disclose, use or disseminate personal identification regarding minors (under age 17) without authorization by a parent or legal guardian and a member of the library staff.

### In addition, minors (under age 17) may not:

Access any picture, image, graphic image file or other visual depiction that appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex or excretion; depicts, describes or represents in a patently offensive way an actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual act or a lewd exhibition of genitals; and lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value. Library staff and volunteers will, as much as time and other duties permit, attempt to enforce these regulations, as well as to ensure the safety of minors when using electronic mail and other forms of direct electronic communications. However, parents and legal guardians of minor children are reminded that they are ultimately responsible for their children's use of the Internet via library computers. For this reason they must sign an Internet Use Release Form if they wish their children age 12 and under to use the Internet. Parents/legal guardians are encouraged to use the Internet with their children so they can personally monitor their children's use of this resource.

Any violations of the above prohibitions may result in the revocation of Internet privileges. Unlawful acts could result in the library taking legal action. The library is not responsible for any information, opinions, or displays that users may find objectionable or for any inaccuracies in the material transmitted on the Internet.

Computers in the children's room are restricted for the use by minors (under age 17).

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