

Internet Safety Policy

Policy Statement

The function of the Internet Safety Policy is to clarify the position of the Henry County Public Library in regard to the acceptable use of its publicly provided computers. It is the Henry County Public Library's policy 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)]

1. Access to inappropriate material

- a. To the extent practical, technology protection measures shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information
- b. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, block shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.
- c. Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disable or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research of other lawful purposed

2. Inappropriate Network Usage

- a. To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of uses of the Henry County Public Library online computer network when using electronic mail, 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:
 - i. Unauthorized access, including hacking and other unlawful activities; and
 - ii. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors

3. Supervision and Monitoring

- a. To the extent practical, the staff of the Henry County Public Library will attempt to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children's Internet Protection Act.

- Ultimately, though, it is the responsibility of Parents or Legal Guardians to supervise and monitor their child's Internet use.
- b. Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the Library Director or designated representatives
- 4. Adoption**
- a. The Board of the Henry County Public Library adopted this Internet Safety Policy after holding a public meeting, following normal public notice, on June 15, 2011