Internet Use Policy

Memorial Library is dedicated to serving the North East area by assembling, organizing, preserving, making accessible books and materials, and evolving technologies to provide stimulation, education and recreation for all citizens.

By using the Library's computers, users are agreeing to the Internet Policy, a copy of which is available at the Circulation Desk. All users must read the Internet Use Policy before using internet computers.

General Rules

- McCord Memorial Library patrons may use their own current MCCORD MEMORIAL LIBRARY card or have their own current, Albion, Erie County, Rice Avenue, Union City or Waterford Public Library card in good standing. Current photo ID may also be used.
- In order to ensure the opportunity for access to services for as many patrons as possible, time limits will be imposed. Such time limits will be posted.
- The Library may assign patrons to specific computer terminals. Patrons may not request the use of a specific computer or wait until a specific computer becomes available.
- **Children age 12 and under** must be accompanied by a patent to legal guardian while using the internet. Computer terminals offer sole access to the Library's catalog and the POWER Library are available for patrons 12 and under without a parent
- FTP, Telnet or similar communication functions are not permitted.
- Patrons are not permitted to download, install and/or save any software or files on library computers. Then may use personal storage devices such as CDs, DVDs, or USB drives. The Library accepts not responsibility for damage to any personal data or computer equipment or software
- Library staff is unable to assist patrons with any computer issues except printing. We will make every effort to designate time and a staff member to be available at a set time, or make appointment for assistance.
- Cell phone use is prohibited while using the public Internet computers.
- There will be a limit of two people at each computer; however some stations must be limited to one person per computer due to space constraints.
- One computer station is to be used for career preparation and job searches. Restrictions such as fines and ID may be waived.

Non-Erie County residents have the following options:

- Register for a McCord Memorial Library card through the Access PA program
- Present valid identification.
- Internet sites provide additional sources of information that supplement print and other electronic sources available in the library. Please be advised, however, that the Internet is unregulated and may contain material that is incorrect, outdated, or personally offensive. The Library assumes no responsibility for content found on the Internet. The user is solely responsible for selection of access and assumes all risk related to or arising out of such use,

including the posting of personal and financial information. The availability of the information on the Internet does not constitute endorsement by McCord Memorial Library.

- Internet use is a privilege and carries with it the responsibility of using it an appropriate manner.
- All patrons, including minors, must obey all Internet rules. Inappropriate behavior will result in termination of these privileges.

Inappropriate behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Violation of copyright or software license agreements
- Viewing of texts, photos, movies or sound bites of an obscene or pornographic nature as defined in Pennsylvania Obscenity Status – 18 Pa. C.S. 5903
- Placing unlawful information on a system
- Use which damages equipment and/pr software
- Any behavior that is disruptive to the operation of the Library

The Library will report illegal use to the appropriate local, state or federal law enforcement agency and cooperate fully with these authorities.

The Library reserves the right to use filtering and/or block software to enforce this policy and any other applicable laws.

Even though s TPM or Technology Protective Measure is employed on Internet sites, certain sites may slip through. No TPM is 100% effective.

The MCCORD MEMORIAL LIBRARY is in compliance with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Pennsylvania Child Internet Protection Act.

Cell Phone Use

1. Place cell phones on silent or vibrate setting
2. Conversations are to be conducted in the lobby or outside.