

## **SALEM/WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

- 1. Salem Public Library has the right to set and enforce rules and regulations concerning the use of the Library's computers and Internet.**
  
- 2. Use privileges may be suspended or revoked by the Salem Public Library administration at any time, without prior notice or hearing, for abusive conduct or violation of the conditions of use set forth in this document. The Library will be the sole arbiter of what constitutes abusive conduct or violation of the Acceptable Use Policy.**
  
- 3. Computer users are expected to use equipment in ways that avoid harm to user or equipment; respect the privacy of other computer users; and respect other library users and the library by using resources in a responsible manner.**
  
- 4. Users must refrain from inappropriate Internet conduct. Examples of inappropriate conduct include, but are not limited to: use of the Internet for unlawful or malicious activities; misrepresentation of oneself or the Library; using abusive or objectionable language in either public or private messages; engaging in harassing behavior; and activities that could cause congestion and disruption of networks and systems. The Library reserves the right to end any Internet session if materials being displayed are deemed inappropriate for public viewing.**
  
- 5. Users must respect all copyright laws and licensing agreements pertaining to software, files or other resources obtained via the Library's system.**
  
- 6. Salem Public Library reserves the right to remove any material stored on Library computers. Users may not store any material on the Library's computers. Users may not download software from the Internet onto the Library's system. Users who wish to save materials must bring their own storage device.**
  
- 7. Electronic communication carried on via the Library's system should not be considered confidential. When necessary, such communication may be used as evidence in criminal investigations and/or prosecutions. The Library will disclose all messages on the Library's system, to the extent required by law.**

**8. The Library makes no warranties, expressed or implied, that the functions or content of the system will meet any user's specific requirements, or that it will be error-free or trouble-free, current or uninterrupted; nor shall the Library be liable for any direct or indirect, incidental, or consequential damages (including lost data, information, or income) sustained or incurred in connection with the use, operations, or inability to use the system.**

**9. The public library computers are filtered to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). However, no filtering software is foolproof. Therefore the Library cannot be held responsible for material downloaded from the Internet. Parents or legal guardians are ultimately responsible for their children's use of the Internet.**

**10. In consideration for the privilege of use of the Library's system and for having access to the information contained on the Library's system, users hereby release and hold harmless the Salem Public Library, the operators of the Library's system, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims of any nature arising from any use of, or inability to use, the Library's system.**

**Users under the age of 18 must have a permission form on file to use the Internet.**

**Users under the age of 10 must have a parent or guardian present to use the Internet, as well as a permission form on file.**

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