



## CHEROKEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

*Please read this document carefully before  
using the computer.*

The Cherokee County Public Library is committed to serving the information, recreation, and lifelong learning needs of all of its citizens. Providing access to the Internet enables the Library to greatly expand its information services. In addition, the Library organizes, catalogs and indexes a variety of information that it provides through connections to the Internet, web sites and commercial databases.

Not all sources on the Internet provide information that is accurate, complete, current, legal or philosophically acceptable to all people. The Internet is a global entity, with no control of users or content. Also, available resources may contain controversial materials. While the Library believes that the benefits of Internet access as an expanding information source far exceed the disadvantages, users access the Internet at their own discretion. The Library makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing and will not be responsible for any damages, direct or indirect, that may result from Internet use. Users should be aware that the Internet is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding user's activities. The Library is not responsible for misuse of personal information entered on websites.

The Library, in compliance with CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) and the South Carolina Proviso 72.95 of the FY 2001-2002 General Appropriations Act, uses web content filtering software on all public access computers. Filtering software will be disabled only for bona fide research. The library reserves the right to enforce the Acceptable Use Agreement if the requested material appears to violate the law. Web content filters are not 100% accurate and may allow access to inappropriate sites. Parents and guardians of children under the age of 18 are responsible for their children's use of the Internet. The library assumes no liability in the event the filter is not 100% effective.

Internet use will be managed in a manner consistent with the Library's Conduct and Behavior Policy. **The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges.** The Library Director may deny, revoke, or suspend specific user privileges any time as is required. The unauthorized or illegal use of the Cherokee County Public Library's computing systems and facilities may result in revocation of Internet use privileges, general library privileges and/or constitute grounds for civil or criminal prosecution.

Library staff cannot provide in-depth training concerning the Internet or personal computers use. Staff members may be able to offer searching suggestions and answer questions. The Cherokee County Public Library requires that Internet users have basic computer skills, including the ability to use a mouse.

All Internet users are expected to use this resource in a lawful, ethical and responsible manner. Users may not use the Library's Internet workstations for any unlawful activity, on or off line, nor will users violate copyright agreements. Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges.

**Please read the following Rules and Restrictions that apply  
to the use of public computers.**

## Rules and Restrictions:

- Public computer workstations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. ○ To use the library's Internet computers youths under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian in possession of a valid library card in good standing, who must read the "Internet Acceptable Use Agreement" and sign for their children's use of the computers (see Library Card Application form). *To assure parental guidance in children's use of the Internet:*
  - **Children 12 years of age and under** require parental permission and continuous adult (non-staff) supervision.
  - **Children 13-17 years of age** require parental permission.
- To use the Cherokee County Public Library's public computer workstations, patrons must have in their possession their own valid CCPL library card in good standing.
- Visitors to the area (Non-Residents) may be granted temporary, 30-day, Internet privileges by showing current photo identification and completing an Internet use form (see Library Card Application form). With this form on file, the visitor will be granted a daily pass to use the Internet. After 30 days, the visitor must purchase an out of county library card for an annual fee of \$10 to retain Internet privileges.
- Prospective users are required to read and agree to this "Access to the Internet Policy", which displays on the public computer screens. ○ The use of any library card other than the card issued to the patron will result in revocation of computer use privileges for both cardholders.
- The Library reserves the right set time limits on public computer use. ○ The Library does not allow chat room or instant messaging use of its computers.
- While the library does not offer e-mail accounts, patrons setting up their own e-mail accounts through the Internet may receive and send e-mail. ○ Patrons may print (for a fee) or download information off of the Internet onto flash drives. Flash drives are available for purchase at the library.
- Each computer workstation is limited to one user at a time, except for special circumstances such as parental supervision of children's use and approved tutoring sessions.
- No food or drink may be present or consumed while using the computers
- Users should avoid unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information.
- Disruptive or abusive behavior, misuse or abuse of the Library's hardware or software, use of unauthorized software or refusal to comply with Library rules and procedures will result in loss of computer privileges. Such misuse includes, but is not limited to:
  - sending or displaying obscene or disruptive messages, files or images (SC Code 16-15-305);
  - harassing, insulting, or attacking others;
  - using the computer for illegal activities;
  - disclosing, using, and disseminating personal identification information regarding minors;
  - hacking into the library system or any other computer system;
  - damaging or attempting to damage computer equipment or software;
  - interfering with systems operations, integrity, or security; attempting to bypass filtering technology or instructing or demonstrating to another person how to bypass filtering technology;
  - gaining unauthorized access to another person's files, using another's password or system account, or divulging another's password or system account;
  - downloading onto the Library's hard-disk drive or using software brought from outside the Library;
  - altering or attempting to alter the library's computer settings; damage or vandalism of computer hardware or software; introduction of a virus or any program which results in the damage to the computer or software. ▪ accessing or using gambling sites, or gaming sites that require a fee; ▪ violating copyright laws and software licensing agreements.
- Problems with computer hardware or software should be reported immediately to the Library staff.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF**

**ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, LOSS OF LIBRARY PRIVILEGES,  
AND/ OR REMOVAL FROM LIBRARY PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE LIBRARY'S POLICY**

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