

CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT POLICY (CIPA)

Introduction

Public access to the Internet and online services have become an integral part of the WaKeeney Public Library's programs and services. The intent of this policy is to meet the provisions of the Kansas Children's Internet Protection Act, as well as provide guidelines for patrons and staff regarding online computer use of Internet accessible computers.

The purpose of the Internet Safety Policy is to implement and enforce technology protection measures to: ensure that no minor has access to visual depictions that are child pornography, harmful to minors, or obscene; and ensure that no person has access to visual depictions that are child pornography or obscene while using a public access computer.

Developed under the direction of the Library Board, this Internet Safety Policy was discussed and adopted during an open meeting of the Library Board on December 9, 2019. This policy supersedes all previous Internet Safety Policy statements and is effective on December 10, 2019.

This policy document will be reviewed by the Board at least every three years.

Legal Requirements

The Library's Internet Safety Policy complies with the applicable requirements of subsection (b) and L. 2013, Ch. 98, sec. 1, and amendments thereto, commonly known as the Kansas Children's Internet Protection Act.

The Library has in place a policy of Internet safety for minors, including the operation of a technology protection measure or other process that blocks or filters online access to visual depictions that are child pornography, harmful to minors or obscene as defined in L. 2013, Ch. 98, sec.1.

Supervision and Monitoring

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled only for bona fide research or other lawful purpose.

Library staff shall supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Kansas Children's Internet Protection Act.

Patrons who encounter web sites which they believe should be blocked but which are not, or who are prevented from accessing web sites which they believe should not be blocked may submit a complaint. This should be given in writing to the library director and include the URL of the site in question and whether the request is to block or unblock it. Staff shall examine the site and determine whether it should be blocked or unblocked. If the technology protection measure being used is a regional service, the information and recommendation shall be forwarded to the appropriate regional staff.

Complaints about enforcement of this policy or observed patron behavior which violate this policy shall also be submitted in writing to the library director, providing as much detail as possible.

The library shall inform patrons of the provisions of this policy, including the standards used and procedures for complaint by making the policy available on the library's web site and in print at the circulation desk.

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