

- 2.3 In order to allow all customers an opportunity to use the equipment, customers may be asked to comply with sign-in and time limitations.
- 2.4 In order to insure the rights of other users to a quiet work environment no more than two people may use a workstation at the same time.
- 2.5 Because computers are located in public areas of the library what is displayed on the monitor is not confidential.
- 2.6 In accordance with *Florida Statutes*, Chapters 847.011(1)a & 847.0133(1), displaying obscene material to minors or printing such material may be a violation of the law and could result in penalties up to and including imprisonment.
- 2.7 In accordance with *Florida Statutes*, Chapter 815, damaging or altering a computer or computer system, network, program or software may be a violation of law and could result in penalties up to and including imprisonment.
- 2.8 Refusal to comply with these rules may result in loss of computer privileges, being asked to leave the library and/or the summoning of law enforcement authorities.

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Internet Access Policy



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Access to the Internet

- 1.1 Access to the Internet is provided in accordance with Library Board Policies and Procedures # 306 *Access to Electronic Resources* and #307 *Request for Review of a Web Site* adopted on September 30, 2004.
- 1.2 The Library provides at least one public access workstation, designated for Internet access at every full-service library facility.
- 1.3 The Library does not provide and has never provided access to Internet Relay Chat, Web Chat, or other chat protocol services with the exception of ***Ask a Librarian*** Reference Service.
- 1.4 The Internet enables the Library System to provide information beyond the confines of its own collection. The Tampa-Hillsborough Public Library Board upholds and affirms the right of each individual to have access to constitutionally protected material. Users are encouraged to be good information consumers by carefully evaluating material accessed via the Internet.
- 1.5 While the Library System cannot control or monitor all material available on the Internet, the Library Board has determined to guard against providing access to visual depictions which are not constitutionally protected, to protect children from access to visual depictions which are obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors as such terms have been defined in the Children's Internet protection Act and approved by the courts.
- 1.6 The Library Board has elected to use Websense filtering software in conjunction with Checkpoint FireWall-1 to manage Internet access on all library computers. While Websense attempts to strictly adhere to its categorization guidelines, the software is not perfect, and it is not guaranteed to block everything that may fit the criteria of this category, or other material that some users may consider offensive.
- 1.7 The Library Board has set up a review process that enables customers to

suggest that a specific site either be blocked or unblocked. Ask at any reference desk for information on the review process or for a "Request for Review of a Web Site" form.

- 1.8 The Library Board affirms the right and responsibility of parents to determine and monitor their own children's use of library materials and resources. In order to assist families in learning to use the Internet safely and wisely, all public Internet computers provide links to selected sites for parents and children that promote safe use of the Web.

ACCEPTABLE USE OF LIBRARY COMPUTERS

- 2.1 Library computers are provided to meet the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs and interests of all customers. In order to make these resources available to as many customers as possible and to make sure that the equipment is used in a manner consistent with the Library Code of Conduct, the following rules apply:
- 2.2 Library computers may not be used for any illegal activity including, but not limited to:
 - Damaging or altering computer equipment, systems or software.
 - Displaying, printing, sending or storing any material that is obscene, libelous, threatening or harassing.
 - Downloading or installing any harmful program defined as, but not limited to, spyware, viruses, Trojans, malware, or any other illegal utility on any computer.
 - Using Internet Relay Chat, Web Chat, or other forms of instant messaging chat mode, with the exception of the ***Ask a Librarian*** Reference Service.
 - Violating copyright or trademark laws, software licensing agreements or intellectual property rights.