

Richland Library Internet Use Policy

Richland Library is not responsible for the quality or accuracy of any information found on the Internet.

Filtering

The Library Board of Trustees in compliance with the Child Internet Protection Act and South Carolina Law has approved the use of web filtering software on all public access computers. The software is designed to filter pornographic pictures or text. The Board recognizes that such filtering software is far from perfect and may allow some inappropriate content to get through and may block some appropriate sites. As with other library resources, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Acceptable Use

Richland Library computers cannot be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purpose, including any activities prohibited under applicable federal, state or local laws, specifically accessing websites in violation of Section 16-15-305, South Carolina Code of Laws.

Material on the Internet and the World Wide Web is copyrighted. It is the user's responsibility to be aware of any copyrighted information on the Web and to respect state and federal copyright laws.

Richland Library is committed to providing an environment free from sexual harassment. Users may not display materials on screens and/or printers that could be considered objectionable.

Internet use will be managed in a manner consistent with the Library's Code of Conduct. The following rules must be observed:

- PCs may not be used to gain unauthorized access to the Library's network or computer systems or to any other network or computer system.
- Users may not damage or attempt to damage computer equipment or software.
- Users may not violate copyright laws or software licensing agreements.
- Users may not engage in any activity that is disruptive to other library users.
- Users may not bypass web-filtering software, or demonstrate how to do so to another person.
- Users may not disclose, use or disseminate personal identification information regarding minors without authorization.
- Patrons may not download or use malicious software on library PCs.

Violations of these rules will result in loss of access to the Internet and/or other library privileges. Unlawful activities may result in prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.