

It is the goal of the Selma Dallas County Public Library to provide information resources to meet the cultural, informational, and educational needs of the community.

The library provides Internet access as a partial fulfillment of this goal. Internet access is provide as a supplement to print and non print materials, brochures and periodicals available within the library. The library takes no responsibility for information obtained from the Internet through library access. Internet sites are various in type , size and scope and all users are urged to evaluate carefully all information for validity and accuracy. The Library has no control over or can be deemed in anyway responsible to library patrons for the content of information available on the Internet.

Within the framework of this goal, the library provides for the efficient and appropriate delivery of the Internet through policies which have been approved and adopted by the Library Board. These policies include:

- I. Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians of Minors**
- II. Unacceptable Use of Computers**
- III. Technology Protection Measures**
- IV. Enforcement of Policies**

Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians of Minors

Parents and guardians are responsible for their minor (under the age of 19) children's use of the Library resources. This includes the use of the Internet at any of the three centers in the Library. If parents feel their children cannot make appropriate

Internet site decisions, they may sit with their children to monitor their use of the Internet in any of these locations. The library staff will assist with appropriate sites for school work and assignments as well as educational sites for recreational use.

Unacceptable use of Computers

The following are all unacceptable uses of the Internet and computers for all library patrons:

- Viewing or creating graphic or illegal pornographic material deemed "harmful to minors"[which] means any communication, picture, image, graphic image file, article, recording, writing, or other matter of any kind that is obscene." (United States Code Title 47 Section 231)
- Hacking the library network including unauthorized use of library logins and compromising library security.
- Downloading or installing software on library computers
- Using the Internet for unlawful or unethical purposes
- Violating the rights of others (persons) such as through copyright or licensing agreements, privacy rights of others, representing yourself as someone else, harassing others, deliberate transmission of computer viruses

Technology Protection Measures

Internet service for the Selma Dallas County Public Library is provided by the Alabama Research and Education Network Consortium (AREN) through the Alabama Supercomputer Authority.

Through that consortium, and in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), a basic filtering of the Internet has been activated to block access to inappropriate websites. (United States Code Title 47, Section 231)

To comply with CIPA, patrons are reminded that it is unacceptable either to access or to produce "material that is harmful to minors [which] means any communication, picture, image, graphic image file, article, recording, writing, or other matter of any kind that is obscene." (United States Code Title 47 Section 2)

Library staff will disable, upon request from an adult the technology protection measure on selected computers provided that site has been evaluated for legitimate use.

Library staff will disable the technology protection upon request from a minor provided the site is deemed educational in purpose and content. Immediately following the appropriate use of the site by the minor, the technology protection measure will be restored.

Enforcement of Policies

Any violation of library policy may result in loss of library-provided access to the Internet. Additional disciplinary action may be determined as necessary dependent upon the extent of the violation.

All users are expected to respect the rights of others and to use the computers in a responsible manner. Any action that causes damage to computer equipment or software will not be allowed and may result in loss of library-provided access to the Internet.

In order to provide for the fair and equitable distribution of time of library computers, certain rules and regulations must be enforced: