

**LIVERMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION, SERVICES AND  
NETWORKS POLICY**

**PURPOSE**

The Board of Trustees of the Livermore Public Library recognizes that freedom of speech and expression are central to the successful maintenance of a free society and acknowledges the concepts contained in the American Library Association's *Access to Digital Information, Services, and Networks*<sup>1</sup>, *Minors and Internet Activity*<sup>2</sup>, and *Library Bill of Rights*<sup>3</sup> statements. The Board of Trustees supports the idea that all members of the community have free and equal access to the entire range of library resources, regardless of content, approach, or format. These rights extend to all users of the public library including minors. Access to information is a fundamental right and helps guarantee an informed citizenry. The Internet is an integral part of the resources available to assist library users in finding the information they need.

**INTERNET ACCESS**

Internet access is available for all users of the Livermore Public Library. The Library's Internet access is intended as an information resource. The Internet allows users to connect to networks of resources outside the library. The Internet is a global entity with a highly diverse user population. The Library cannot be held responsible for its content. The Internet and its available resources may contain materials of a controversial nature. The Livermore Public Library does not monitor an individual's use of the Internet; nor does the Library employ filtering software. Library patrons use the Internet at their own risk. Preventing users from accessing all systems, networks, and services which may or do contain materials, messages or graphics that might be considered offensive to a user or inappropriate to minors is not technically or practically feasible.

The Internet is a continually evolving resource and the information and links on the Internet change rapidly and unpredictably. Users are cautioned that accuracy, completeness, and currency of information found on the Internet vary widely. Users should carefully evaluate the information they find when using this resource.

**RESPONSIBILITY OF USERS**

Individuals must accept responsibility for determining what is appropriate. The Library recognizes and supports Federal laws dealing with the access to information. It upholds and affirms the right of each individual to have access to constitutionally protected materials and also affirms the right and responsibility of parents to determine and monitor their children's use of library materials and resources. Parents and guardians are encouraged to work closely with their children. Parents are expected to monitor and supervise children's use of the Internet in selecting material that is consistent with personal and family values. The Livermore Public Library does not provide this monitoring or supervision.

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted January 24, 1996; amended January 19, 2005; and July 15, 2009, by the ALA Council.

<sup>2</sup> Adopted July 15, 2009, by the ALA Council; amended on July 1, 2014.

<sup>3</sup> Adopted June 19, 1939, by the ALA Council; amended October 14, 1944; June 18, 1948; February 2, 1961; June 27, 1967; January 23, 1980; inclusion of "age" reaffirmed January 23, 1996.

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With the freedom and privilege to access computer networks comes the responsibility to use them in an acceptable and responsible manner. Individuals are responsible for abiding by the following rules when using the Library's public computers or accessing the Internet through the Library's wireless network:

- a. Use of the Internet is governed by the Library's *Patron Responsibility and Conduct Policy*.
- b. Users may not use the Internet for any illegal activity or place any material on the Internet related to any illegal activity.
- c. Users may not invade the privacy of others or engage in any activity that is harassing, defamatory, or threatening.
- d. Users may not jeopardize the security of the computer network or other networks on the Internet.
- e. Users may not damage library equipment.
- f. It is the responsibility of the user to respect copyright laws and licensing agreements and assume responsibility for payment of fees for any fee-based service.

Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action up to and including exclusion of the user from access to the library network.

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