

SOUTH HAVEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR THE INTERNET COMPUTERS

The South Haven Memorial Library has no control over resources offered through the Internet nor does the Library have complete knowledge of what is on the Internet. Information on the Internet may be reliable and current or may be inaccurate, out-of-date, or unavailable at times. Some content may be offensive. Library users access the Internet at their own discretion. Only a user can decide on the accuracy, completeness, and currency of the content.

To comply with Michigan Public Act 397.606 of 2006, the Library uses a filtering program on some computers designed to restrict minors using the Internet from receiving obscene matter and sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors. The Library recognizes that no filter is 100% effective. The parents or legal guardians are responsible for their minor child's reading, listening, and viewing of Library material, including the Internet. If a parent or guardian wishes to permit their minor child to access the Internet without such filtering, the parent or guardian must accompany the minor by being physically present at the computer terminal at all times.

To prevent exposure of the Library's computer system to a virus, users may not use their own software programs on the Library's computer network. SHML is not responsible for damage or loss that may occur from use of the Library's computers.

The Library's Internet computers may NOT be used for:

- Unauthorized, illegal, fraudulent or unethical purposes as defined by the Library Director
- Commercial activity (except that lawful credit card purchases or orders of items by the user for personal use is permitted)
- Sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene/offensive
- Disrupting use of the Internet for others
- Downloading information to the hard drive

Individuals are responsible for their own choices. Parents and guardians are responsible for the choices of their own minor children. The Library is mindful of its commitment to the principles of freedom of access. Library users are free to access whatever Internet sites they wish (subject to the filtering program for minors described above). However, the Library respects the rights of others to not be inadvertently exposed to material or images they may reasonably find obscene/offensive. Therefore, the Library reserves the right to end an Internet session at any time.

Without wishing to censor access, staff members reserve the right to prohibit the display of material that would reasonably be considered inappropriate for viewing in a public area.

Sending any information, including credit card numbers, via the Internet, is at the sole risk of the user. SHML has no control over the security of this data.

Users violating this use policy will first be asked to comply. For users who refuse to comply, the Library reserves the right to prohibit access or use of the Internet/or Library by action of the Library Director. Illegal acts will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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