

## CHAPTER 14

### PATRON ACCESS TO THE INTERNET

#### 14.01 **Internet Access Restrictions**

The Library, in keeping with its mission of free and public access to the widest possible variety of information, provides public Internet access and access to the subscription databases from OPLIN and CLEVNET. This service may be used to access any resource, engage in any communication, or conduct any activity available on the Internet, or the Ohio Public Library Information Network provided such activity can be done with standard Web browsers. The following are exceptions:

- a. Patrons may not send, receive, or display text or graphics that may reasonably be construed as obscene.
- b. Patrons may not use this resource for any illegal purpose.
- c. Patrons may not in any way alter, reconfigure, or damage the Library's workstations.
- d. Patrons may not interfere with or disrupt others, nor invade the privacy of others.
- e. Patrons may not modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others, nor seek unauthorized access to any computer system, or damage or alter software components of any network, host server, or database.

#### 14.02 **Limitation on Use of Internet**

All users of the public access workstations must sign a "Limitation of Liability" form. (See **EXHIBITG: LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**) Parents or legal guardians must sign in person for those under the age of 18. Because this is a public resource, the rights of others must be respected and therefore time will be limited to one hour (unless no one is waiting; and two users will be permitted at a terminal at one time. Both must have "Limitation of Liability" forms on file.

#### 14.03 **Protection of Library Internet System**

In order to prevent viruses, protect the integrity of our workstations, and ensure that workstations will serve the greatest number of people, we ask that the following guidelines be observed:

- a. Do not install software of any kind.
- b. Do not download any plug-ins without consultation with Library Staff.
- c. Do not save or download files except on personal storage devices provided by the Library. Personal storage devices are available for purchase at the Circulation Desk.

14.04 **Internet Disclaimer**

The Library is not responsible for the accuracy or the content of any information found in any website not created by the Library itself. When using any links from the Library's website, or any link that leads to a non-Library resource, users are responsible for determining the value and accuracy of the information. It is recommended that particular caution be exercised when obtaining financial, medical, or legal information from the Internet. As with other library materials, it is the parent or legal guardian of minor children who must assume ultimate responsibility for supervising access to Internet resources in the Library.

14.05 **Consequences of Misuse of Computers/Internet**

Misuse of the Library's public computers or Internet access will result in loss of Internet privileges.