

Tycher Library Internet Use Policy

Usage Agreement

As with more traditional resources, the Tycher Library does not act in place of a parent and will not be responsible for enforcing parental restrictions on minors that are beyond the scope of this policy.

A person's use of this network leaves electronic information in the public domain. Internet communications are not private, nor are they confidential.

Tycher Library Rules

Any library cardholder in good standing may access the Internet from the Tycher Library.

Parents or guardians are responsible for the information and materials accessed by minors under the age of 18 at a computer.

Adult Internet users are responsible for the information they choose to view.

The Tycher Library has installed filtering software on the library computers to comply with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act, which requires the Tycher Library to deactivate the filtering software if a library patron or parent/guardian requests it. This Internet policy remains in effect whether the filtering software is active or not.

Unacceptable Use

Viewing, transmitting or downloading pornographic materials: Displaying, or causing to display, any explicit sexual material on any viewing screen in such manner that the display is visible in any establishment where minors, as part of the general public, may be exposed to view all or any part of such materials.

Uses that violate the law or encourage others to violate the law: Transmitting offensive or harassing messages; offering for sale or use any illegal substance; downloading or transmitting confidential, trade secret information, or copyrighted materials. Even if materials are not marked with the copyright symbol, users should assume that all materials are protected unless there is explicit permission on the materials to use them.

Uses that cause harm to others or damage to their property: Engaging in defamation (harming another's reputation by lies); impersonating another user; vandalism, including any attempt to harm or destroy data, software or hardware.

Uses that compromise the safety and security of minors when using e-mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications. For minors under the age of 18: Giving others private information about one's self or others, including credit card numbers and social security numbers or arranging a face-to-face meeting with someone one has "met" on the computer network or Internet without a parent's permission; disclosing user names and passwords.

Uses that jeopardize the security of the computer network: Unauthorized use of personal software programs on the library's computers; altering the library's computer settings or hardware, or damages Tycher Library property.

The Tycher Library will not be held responsible for:

Any charges incurred by users of the Internet.

The content or accuracy of information found on the Internet. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk.

Any confidential or financial information patrons may send over the network

Unauthorized security breaches. By connecting to the network, users acknowledge all associated risks.

Physical damage to personal devices plugged in to Tycher Library infrastructure (power, network, etc.).

The Tycher Library reserve the right to implement and enforce usage procedures as necessary including posting of rules and regulations, and to withdraw access privileges or impose other appropriate sanctions for those who do not comply with the protocols, rules, regulations or service provider agreement.

When using a personal device to connect to the Tycher Library network

Printing is not supported from personal devices, but is available through the Tycher Library public computers. Personal documents can be transferred via or the Internet/email.

No staff support will be given to configure your personal device to use our network.

The Tycher Library encourage all users to adhere to good computer and network security practices, including but not limited to:

- using a personal firewall and regularly updated antivirus software.
- applying all security related patches to personal software.

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