



## <<POLICIES>>

### INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE

To fulfill their mission to develop services, resources, and collections that meet the cultural, informational, recreational, and educational needs of their diverse community, the Tredyffrin Township libraries (TTL) provides public access to the Internet and to other electronic resources through computers and wireless connections. These connections and computers are leased, owned, or provided by the Chester County Library System (CCLS). Users of the libraries' computers or wireless connections may use them for any purpose that does not violate this policy as well as the CCLS Internet Acceptable Use policy ([http://www.ccls.org/cwo/Acceptable\\_Use](http://www.ccls.org/cwo/Acceptable_Use)).

Individual users assume the responsibility for determining the suitability of Internet content for themselves. The libraries affirm the right and responsibility of parents and legal guardians for deciding what library resources, including those found on the Internet, are appropriate for their own minor children. The library staff does not act in loco parentis to restrict what a child may access. TTL discourages all patrons (especially minors) from disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal information while interacting with others through direct electronic communications, such as social networking web sites, chat rooms and email. Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors is strictly prohibited.

CCLS uses technology protection measures to filter content in accordance and compliance with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), Pub. L. No. 106-554, Div. B., Title XVII, 114 Stat. 2763A-335 (2000).

Users of CCLS and TTL's computers or wireless connections may not use them for any purpose that violates federal, state, or local laws. Users must respect all copyright laws and licensing agreements pertaining to electronic files and other resources obtained via the Internet. The viewing of pages that contain or display sexually explicit images or materials or obscenity as defined in 18PaCS § 5903 is prohibited in Pennsylvania in a public library environment. The viewing of child pornography is a criminal act and may be prosecutable as a felony. CCLS and TTL will assist in the prosecution of criminal activity. The CCLS Executive Director is the custodian of CCLS owned/leased computer hardware. Any request by law enforcement or others for access to such hardware must be referred to the CCLS Executive Director.

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TTL Staff members should immediately consult another staff member if they feel that criminal activity may be taking place on a library computer or wireless connection. Any staff member may call the police (911) if the situation is urgent and the Director (or their designee) is not immediately available.

TTL and CCLS reserve the right to terminate an individual's use of an electronic resource, library computer, or wireless connection at any time for failure to comply with TTL or CCLS policies.

#### WEB SITE LINKS

The libraries recognize that the Internet is a rich but unregulated resource and that not all sources on the Internet provide information that is accurate, complete, current, legal, or philosophically acceptable to all citizens. The libraries select links for their website ([www.tredyffrinlibraries.org](http://www.tredyffrinlibraries.org)) to guide users to sites that have been reviewed according to the same selection criteria used for other library resources.

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