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## **Internet Acceptable Use Policy**

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library (EVPL) is committed to offering public access to the internet as part of its mission and vision. EVPL affirms the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights as part of its civic responsibility for a literate and informed community.

Because EVPL has no control over Internet sources, EVPL is not responsible for its content or the information retrieved. EVPL makes no warranties, expressed or implied, that the functions or content of the Internet will meet any user's specific requirements, or that access will be trouble-free or uninterrupted. Nor shall EVPL be liable for any direct or indirect, incidental, or consequential damages, including lost data, information, or income, sustained or incurred in connection with the use, operation, or inability to use the Internet. Internet users are subject to applicable local, state, and federal statutes. Any unlawful or malicious activity or any activity that causes harm to another person will result in loss of Internet use for the offending person.

Internet acceptable use is governed in a manner consistent with other EVPL behavior expectations. Internet users are subject to applicable local, state, and federal laws. By using EVPL's public technologies and internet service, users agree to follow existing policies that govern acceptable and legal use of EVPL services.

No user shall tamper with EVPL hardware, software, or network; nor attempt to hack other computers or networks using EVPL Internet service and technologies.

By using EVPL's services, users agree to follow existing EVPL policies such as EVPL's Code of Conduct.

EVPL may suspend Internet use privileges if it is determined any use violates this Internet Use Policy.

### **Copyright**

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## **Privacy**

EVPL takes user privacy and security seriously. Informed by current recommendations by the National Information Standards Organization, EVPL continuously assesses and strives to improve user privacy as technologies, laws, security threats, practices, and user expectations evolve. As such, EVPL reserves the right to make changes to this and other appropriate policies as part of a pro-active stance to the changing digital landscape. EVPL does not retain or share individual personal information that is necessarily collected to provide internet library services except if ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as ordered by subpoena under the USA PATRIOT Act (P.L. 107-56).

The risk of using any network is the responsibility of the user.

EVPL is not responsible for Identity Theft.

## **Filtering**

In accordance with Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) to protect minors (age 17 and younger), EVPL uses filtering software on its public computers.

Parents must understand that EVPL's filters do not always protect patrons from unfiltered materials in all situations.

A minor's access to the internet always remains the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

Users who attempt to access a filtered site are advised by a screen message that the site is restricted. However, EVPL strives to balance all users' information needs. Should a site be "restricted" in error, access can be permitted upon request by contacting EVPL staff.

EVPL users at terminals in public areas may be asked to remove images or text from a screen if they offend a complaining user or are in violation of local, state, or federal statutes.

