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EASTERN OKLAHOMA DISTRICT LIBRARY SYSTEM

INTERNET POLICY

The mission of the Eastern Oklahoma District Library System is to support lifelong learning. To this end, the System is providing free access to the Internet at designated terminals in individual branches. Wireless Internet access is provided at all locations as another means for accessing information. This service is available 24/7. All rules regarding Internet use within an EODLS facility must be followed.

Although the Internet provides access to valuable sources of information, the System makes no guarantees regarding the accuracy or completeness of information found there. There are sites on the Internet which may be considered controversial or inappropriate, the System cannot protect users from information that they may find offensive. EODLS does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. The System does not restrict adult access or protect users from information that they may find offensive. Patrons use the Internet at their own discretion. As with most public wireless “hot spots,” the library’s wireless connection is not secure. Any information being sent or received could potentially be intercepted by another user. Cautious and informed wireless users should not transmit any personal information while using any wireless “hot spots.”

Internet access is filtered for all users. Pursuant to the Supreme Court’s ruling, “a librarian will unblock filtered material or disable the Internet software filter without significant delay on an adult user’s request”

Filtering software blocks access to a significant amount of constitutionally protected speech. The disabling provision of the statute can be applied without significant delay to adult library patrons and without the need for the patron to provide a reason for the request to disable.

Parents and guardians of minor children, not the EODLS, are responsible for their children's use of the Internet through the library connection. Parents may want to discuss Internet safety with their children. Young people below age 18 will not be permitted to use library owned computers to access the Internet without parental permission, and parental guidance and assistance to young people using the Internet is strongly encouraged. Patrons below age 18 will have their internet access filtered. The library cannot and does not substitute for the parent in fulfilling this responsibility.

All users are expected to use the library’s network in a legal and responsible manner.

- Illegal activities are prohibited.
- Activities intended to disrupt network services or equipment are prohibited.

- Materials copied on this computer network may be subject to copyright laws and may not be copied without permission of the copyright owner unless the proposed use falls within the definition of "Fair Use."

All people using library owned computers to access the Internet must sign the "**Internet Users Agreement.**"