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## INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Pittston Memorial Library is committed to its mission of assuring public access to information and supporting lifelong learning for its users. Providing access to the Internet allows the library to greatly expand its role as information provider. However, before using the Internet at the Pittston Memorial Library, you should be aware that:

- Not all sources on the Internet provide information that is accurate, complete, current, legal or
  philosophically acceptable to all citizens. Internet users must evaluate the validity and/or appropriateness
  of information.
- The Pittston Memorial Library is unable to control or monitor the content of Internet sites, which change frequently and unpredictably.
- · Parents and guardians are the best and final judges of what is appropriate for their children. Parents are advised to supervise their children's Internet sessions.
- The Pittston Memorial Library network and computers may not support certain file types available on the Internet, such as sound or moving images, IRC, telnet or chat rooms.
- The Library expressly prohibits any use of library computers for illegal activities, or to access material that contains or makes reference to explicit sexual materials as defined in 18 Pa. C.S. 5903, is obscene, contains child pornography, or is harmful to minors.
- · Altering Pittston Memorial Library computer settings, removing privacy screens and other activities, which disrupt the library or its network, are prohibited.
- · Users must have a valid Luzerne County Library System library card. Users should check in at the front desk upon arrival.
- · There is a limit of 2 hours duration per cardholder.
- Since our space is limited and increased noise from group conversation is disruptive to others, only two users may gather at a workstation.
- Staff assistance is limited to calling up the Internet on a workstation, showing user where to type in an address (URL) and directing user where to initiate a search.



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- · The Library does not provide email accounts and cannot assist with setting up an email account.
- · Users may not use their own software. This will help prevent computer viruses, which are common on public computers.
- The cost of printouts is 25 cents per black and white page, 50 cents per color page.
- Failure to use the Internet computer appropriately and responsibly may result in revocation of Internet Use Privileges and/or Library Privileges.

## **USERS MAY NOT:**

- · TREAT EQUIPMENT IN A ROUGH OR ABUSIVE MANNER.
- · ATTEMPT TO REBOOT COMPUTERS.
- · USE THE TERMINAL TO GAIN UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO ANY OTHER NETWORK OR COMPUTER SYSTEM.
- · MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO ALTER SOFTWARE CONFIGURATIONS OR INSTALL SOFTWARE.
- · INVADE THE PRIVACY OF OTHERS.
- · ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITY THAT IS HARASSING OR DEFAMATORY.
- · VIOLATE COPYRIGHT LAWS OR LICENSING AGREEMENTS.
- · VIOLATE LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAWS OR REGULATIONS.

Approved by the Board of Directors November 18, 2004.

The Pittston Memorial Library offers computers and other technological resources as a courtesy to our patrons. The Library cannot guarantee these items will always be in proper working condition. The Library will not be responsible for any problems encountered accessing, retrieving, or printing information.

The Pittston Memorial Library reserves the right to modify this policy at any time.