SECTION 29.   LIBRARY SERVICES

29.15 INTERNET USE

A.   PURPOSE. The Seminole County Public Library System provides access to the Internet in support of the Library's traditional role as a provider of information and life long learning. Not all information available via the Internet is accurate, current or complete. The Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from its connection to the Internet.

(1)   Because the Seminole County Public Library system receives E-rate and/or Library Service & Technology Act (LSTA) funds it is required by Federal law, specifically the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), to employ an Internet filtering system that assures the safety and security of minors as far as technologically possible. The Seminole County Public Library System employs an Internet Filtering System that:

(a)   Blocks and filters Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene, contain child pornography, or are harmful to minors.

(b)   Prohibits unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors online.

(c)   Prohibits unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors.

(2)   The Seminole County Public Library System educates, informs and promotes the safe use of the Internet by providing bookmarks and flyers about Internet safety and use with information specifically geared to parents and youth.

(a)   The library does not act in loco parentis so parents must assume responsibility for their children's use of the Internet. Both parents and children are encouraged to read "Child Safety on the Information Highway" and "NetSmartz". Two additional resources for parents are the U.S. Department of Education's "Parent's Guide to the Internet" and the American Library Association's "Librarian's Guide to Cyberspace for Parents and Kids".

(b)   The Seminole County Public Library provides links to websites that are especially recommended for youth on the library's Kid's Page and Teen Page.

B.   COMPUTER WORKSTATION PROCEDURES.

Patrons must be registered in the Library's computer database, have a valid library card and have a zero balance on their account to access the Internet.

(1)   Use of the Internet must be scheduled through the library's Internet Scheduling System.

(2)   Workstation use is limited to two (2) persons per workstation to reduce noise level.

C.   LOSS OF PRIVILEGES. The Library reserves the right to deny access to the Internet workstations to any customer who fails to abide by the Internet Use Policy.

D.   AUTHORITY.   Approved by the BCC May 14, 2002 as a Regular Agenda Item.
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