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6.1 Computer Use Policy

6.11 CIPA Compliance

The Ruthven Public Library employs technological measures to help protect minors from content harmful to minors in accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. Parents and caregivers are cautioned that it is still their responsibility to monitor or restrict the information their children access through the Internet and that the library cannot be held responsible for its content. Furthermore, no filtering technology is perfect, and all should be aware that inappropriate content may still be able to be accessed and appropriate content may be inadvertently blocked.

For adults who wish to access blocked sites, the library will unblock them for their use upon request. Just as we do not limit an individual's access to printed information, we do not refuse adults access to Internet content someone else may deem objectionable. It is expected that all will use this resource in a responsible and respectful manner.

6.12 Usage Guidelines

1. Computers are available for Ruthven Public Library cardholders and guests alike.
2. Parents who do not want their unaccompanied children to be allowed to use the computers must inform the library staff. A note will be made of the prohibition and it will be enforced as a library rule for that child, i.e. they will be sent home for the day if they are caught using the computers.
3. Patrons may not sign up in advance for computer use sessions; rather, the computers shall be available on a first come, first serve basis. Computer use sessions shall be for 30 minutes after which additional time may be allowed if no one else has requested use of a computer.

4. Patrons may not download or install their own programs to library computers.

5. Patrons using library computers shall have access to a printer and shall be charged \$0.10 per page for black and white computer printouts. Those wishing to have color printouts made will need to ask a library employee for help and shall be charged \$0.30 per page.

6. Misuse of the computers and/or the Internet or refusal to comply with the guidelines for fair use of the library's computers as laid out by this document shall result in the loss of computer privileges at the librarian's discretion.

6.13 Staff as a Resource

The library staff is knowledgeable in computer and Internet use and can nearly always assist you in finding information over the Internet. We encourage everyone to take advantage of a well-trained and courteous staff and an increasing number of computers and electronic/online resources.

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