

Richfield Springs Public Library
Internet Safety Policy

STATEMENT:

The internet, as an information resource enables library patrons to access a wealth of information beyond the confines of the existing collection.

PURPOSE:

Patrons are warned that the Richfield Springs Public Library cannot ensure the availability or the accuracy of external electronic resources.

POLICY:

1. The library uses technology protection measures to filter content in accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). The library will unblock erroneously blocked websites upon any request by a minor. The library will disable the entire filter upon any request by patrons 17 or over, for any lawful purpose.
2. Internet patrons may not use the internet to access sexually graphic materials, hacking, or other unlawful activities.
3. Patrons will have a maximum of one half hour to use electronic resources. This time may be extended at the discretion of the library staff if no other patrons are waiting to use the electronic resource.
4. Computer equipment will be turned off 5 minutes before the library closes to allow time for proper shutdown steps and regular lock-up procedures.
5. Basic instruction on the use of computer resources may be provided as time and staffing allows.
6. Anyone willfully damaging or disabling computer equipment and/or resources, or accessing sexually graphic materials, or refusing to comply with time limits, or otherwise creating a disruption to the use of electronic resources, will have their internet privileges revoked. Illegal actions may be subject to prosecution.
7. The Richfield Springs Public Library assumes no responsibility for any loss or damage to user's data, drives or disks, or for any personal damage or injury incurred as a result of using the Richfield Springs Public Library's computing resources, including damage or injury sustained from invasions of the patron's privacy.

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