

**Board of County Commissioners**  
**Leon County, Florida**

**Policy No. 02-07**

Title: Library Internet Access and Computer Use Policy

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Reference: N/A

Policy Superseded: Policy No. 02-07, "Library Internet Safety Policy," adopted on July 30, 2002; revised July 13, 2004

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It shall be the policy of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, that Policy No. 02-07, "Library Internet Safety Policy," revised by the Leon County Board of County Commissioners on July 13, 2004, is hereby renamed "Library Internet Access and Computer Use Policy" and amended, and a revised policy is adopted in its place, to wit:

The LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library provides access to the Internet as one means of fulfilling its mission to

"be an essential resource and place for learning, engagement and innovation that provides for our community's changing needs."

*(Mission Statement approved by the Board of County Commissioners on 2/11/2020)*

All Internet resources in the Library are provided equally to all library users. The Library follows the principles set forth in *Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks: an Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights*. In providing public access to the Internet, the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System makes no warranties of any kind, neither expressed nor implied, for the Internet access it is providing. The Library is not responsible for the accuracy, nature, or quality of information gathered through library-provided Internet access.

Users are prohibited from viewing or downloading of sexually explicit Internet sites or images on Library computers. For personal safety, users must be cautious when using e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, discussion groups and all other forms of communication. Users may not make unauthorized disclosure of, use of, or dissemination of a minor's personal information by means of the Internet, e-mail or any other electronic technology.

In accordance with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) (Pub. L. 106-554), all library computers are equipped with a technology protection measure to filter and block access to images that are obscene as defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code; or child pornography, as defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; or harmful to minors as

defined in section 1703, Pub. L. 106-554. It is technically impossible to prevent access to all objectionable resources. Filters are not 100% effective and may not filter objectionable images that should be blocked, and conversely, may block images that should not be blocked. Designated library staff may, at their discretion, temporarily disable the filter for adult library users for lawful purposes and bona fide research. The filtering software shall not be disabled for minors.

Parents and designated guardians of minor children have the right and the responsibility to direct the use of the Internet by their children. Parents or designated guardians should personally supervise their child's or minor's use of the Internet and other forms of electronic information-

Users of Library computing resources must comply with federal and state laws, Leon County and Library rules and policies, and terms of applicable contracts including software licenses while using Library computing resources. Examples of applicable laws, rules, and policies include the laws of libel, privacy, copyright, trademark, obscenity, child pornography, the Florida Computer Crimes Act, the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, the computer Fraud and Abuse Act which prohibit "hacking," "cracking" and similar activities.

As required by order of the Federal Communications Commission (Order No. FCC 21-58), equipment and services purchased through the Emergency Connectivity Fund shall only be provided to patrons that have signed and returned a statement that they would otherwise lack access to equipment or services sufficient to meet their educational needs if not for the use of the equipment or service being provided by the Library.

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