

## INF-4: Internet Access and Use Policy

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### Policy Statement

The Orion Township Public Library (OTPL), as an extension of the library's commitment to meeting the community's information needs, provides Internet access for patron use both at the library's physical locations and via hotspots that can be checked out and used off-site.

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### Regulations

1. Internet access and online resources accessible through the library are available to all library patrons.
2. The library neither monitors nor controls Internet information and cannot be held responsible for its content, quality, accuracy or currency. The Internet is a worldwide community with a highly diverse user population, and its use is at the patron's discretion.
3. Content accessed on the Internet is minimally filtered for inappropriate content, in compliance with federal<sup>i</sup>, state<sup>ii,iii</sup>, and local laws.
4. Changing or attempting to change OTPL settings is prohibited. Hacking attempts may result in termination of OTPL computer system access.
5. The library's in-library network has been configured and sized for interactive searching and knowledge gathering on the Internet.
6. The responsibility for Internet security shall lie with the patron when using library-provided Internet on patron-owned equipment. The library shall not be responsible for the possible interception of wireless connections, computer viruses and other malware, nor the risks of transmitting personal data.
7. The library provides access to its printers over the library's network. The library charges for the use of its printers. See *Fines and Fees Policy*.
8. Staff will provide assistance to patrons accessing the Internet to the extent that time and patron demands allow. See *Information Services Policy*.
9. Internet access must be used in a responsible manner, respecting the rights of others on the network. Unauthorized use of others' passwords or identity is prohibited.
10. The Internet must not be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purpose, including activities prohibited under any applicable federal, state, or local laws.
11. Patrons should be aware that material on the Internet is copyrighted. It is the patron's responsibility to be aware of the display of any notices concerning the copyright of information on the Internet, and to respect the federal copyright laws.
12. The Internet, even with the library's minimal filters in place, may contain information that is controversial, sexually explicit or offensive to some users. Parents or guardians, not the library or its staff, are ultimately responsible for monitoring their children's access to Internet information.
13. Staff is authorized to terminate any patron's use of the Internet if the patron fails to comply with the library's policies. The library director may impose longer or permanent restrictions for violations of the library's policies. Patrons whose Internet use has been terminated or whose access to the library has been prohibited may

request the decision be reviewed by the board of trustees. See *Patron Conduct Policy*.

14. Internet access may be unavailable at times due to technical difficulties.
15. A patron who lives in the library service area who wishes to challenge a library policy or any portion of a library policy should follow procedures as outlined in MGT-15: Appeals Process Policy.

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<sup>i</sup> U.S. Code, Title 18, §§ 2256 (1) and (8)

<sup>ii</sup> Michigan Obscene Material Act, P.A. 343 of 1984

<sup>iii</sup> Michigan Harmful to Minors Act, P.A. 33 of 1978