

## TUPPER LIGHTFOOT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### TECHNOLOGY SAFETY POLICY for Patrons and staff, 2019

#### Revision

This Technology Safety Policy provides for patrons and for library staff the guidelines for the use of technology at the library. Technology is one way to meet the mission of the library in bringing community together in a comfortable, encouraging, enriching and engaging environment. Technology is a delivery mechanism for everyone to use as he or she pursues life-long learning and all types of literacy, such as reading, information, jobseeking, decision-making & family.

This policy applies to technology use (privately-owned or library-owned devices, wired or wireless, etc). Providing access to information available on the internet does not constitute endorsement of the content by the Library. The Tupper Lightfoot Memorial Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility for damages because of technology use or from the information obtained through technology use.

Not all information found on the internet is accurate, complete, up-to-date or otherwise acceptable to all individuals. The Library is not responsible for the content of the internet, changes in content of the sources to which the Library home pages link or for the content of sources accessed through secondary links.

- The Library provides access to Internet resources equally to all.
- The Library provides use of computers and wireless internet access for free.
- A fee is charged for printing, copying (including email on the copier) and faxing.
- The Library encourages parents to discuss internet safety with their children.
- The Library offers programs where information on safe use of the internet is provided to both adults and children.
- Parents of minor children must assume responsibility for their children's use of or exposure to the internet through the library's connections.

Patrons and staff are prohibited from using the Library's network for illegal activity, Library computers, networks and other technologies may not be used for any purpose that violates federal, state, or local laws. Violations specific to Alabama include the dissemination or public display of obscene material as defined in the Code of Alabama-

### 13A-12-191

Section 13A-12-191 Dissemination or public display of obscene matter containing visual depiction of persons under 17 years of age involved in obscene acts. [alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/alison/CodeOfAlabama/1975/13A-12191.htm](http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/alison/CodeOfAlabama/1975/13A-12191.htm) Other prohibited use includes, but is not limited to, "hacking" or otherwise attempting unauthorized use of the Library, City or other networks; vandalizing equipment; attempting to interfere with or disrupt other users; attempting to evade security measures; invading the privacy of other users; violating software license agreements; violating copyright; violating confidentiality; using library technology for profit; and/or sending harassing, threatening or libelous messages or material.

A filtering service is used on library-owned computers to limit access to visual depictions that are obscene and/or contain child pornography or are, otherwise, harmful to minors. Parents must be aware, however, that no filtering service is completely effective. Library staff may disable the technology protection measure concerned, during use by an adult, to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

The library's website and social networking sites are to be professional in nature and meet the philosophy of this policy.

Failure to comply with this policy will result in disciplinary action. This disciplinary action may involve a verbal or written warning from library administration for first-time offenses not involving illegal activity. Final authority for disciplinary action for illegal activity or repeated offenses and notification of law enforcement rests with the City.

[The following is to be posted near entry ways]

## Patrons' Use of Technology

To comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) for federal funding, including erate, the library is using the following:

Internet content filtering via the Alabama Supercomputer Network

**Protection Features include --Blocking of web sites containing pornography and adult content**

At the request of any one who is not a minor (under the age of 17), a legally-acceptable site will be unblocked by library staff.

- *Dissemination or public display of obscene matter is a misdemeanor in Alabama. (13A-12-200.3)*
- *Dissemination or public display of obscene matter containing visual reproduction of persons under 17 years of age involved in obscene acts is a Class B felony in Alabama. (13A-12-191)*

*The term "harmful to minors" is defined by the Communications Act of 1934 (47 USC Section 254 [h][7]), as meaning:*

- *any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;*
- *depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or*
- *simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals;*
- *taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.*

The Library disclaims any liability or responsibility for damages because of technology use or from information obtained through the use of technology provided by the Library's networks or equipment. Wireless users are responsible for all aspects of personal devices. All users must comply with the Library's ***Technology Use Policy***.

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