SANTA BARBARA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Internet Use & Safety Policy

Disclaimer

Internet access provided by SBPL is a free service to an open network provided for your convenience and its use is at your own risk. It is available to the general public, and is NOT INHERENTLY SECURE. SBPL cannot and does not guarantee the privacy of your data and communication while using the service. (see Public Wi-Fi Terms of Use Policy, paragraph 1)

This Service provides access to the Internet on an "as is" basis with all risks inherent in such access. The providers of the Service make no warranty that the Service or that any information, software, or other material accessible on the Service is free of viruses, worms, trojan horses or other harmful components. By connecting, the user acknowledges and accepts the risks associated with public access to the Internet and public use of an unsecured wireless network. (see Public Wi-Fi Terms of Use Policy, paragraph 4)

Patron Internet Use Agreement

SBPL is committed to user privacy, and will keep all such information that it purposefully or inadvertently collects or maintains confidential to the fullest extent permitted by the law. Protecting library user privacy and keeping confidential information that identifies individuals or associates individuals with their use of library books, materials, equipment, programs, facilities and/or staff assistance is an integral principle of public libraries. (see Patron Privacy Policy, top section)

Unacceptable use of a SBPL-provided computer workstation by any patron may result in the suspension or revocation of using SBPL's internet services. SBPL reserves the right to regulate both the use of the Internet workstations and the material accessed by users. All users must agree to comply with SBPL's Rules of Conduct Policy. This also includes refraining from viewing any illegal, offensive, or harmful content, including but not limited to websites that contain pornography, within any area designated for children or teens. Unacceptable use also includes hacking and other unlawful activities.

Filtered Access

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), all library computers accessible to the public in both children's and adult areas, including devices connecting to the internet via

Wi-Fi, are filtered for websites containing pictures that are (a) obscene; (b) child pornography; or (c) harmful to minors (for computers that are accessed by minors). Please note no filtering product is 100% effective. If unable to access a site, an adult patron may request staff to unblock access to that site if it is for bona fide research or other lawful purpose. They may do so anonymously via a web form or email message, or in-person. SBPL reserves the right to grant or deny such requests.

Internet Access by Minors

The Internet offers nearly unlimited resources for education and personal interests but it also contains material that some parents may feel is unsuitable for minors. While SBPL's computers are filtered, it is SBPL's policy that parents or legal guardians for minors must assume sole responsibility for restricting or monitoring use of SBPL's provided computer workstations for their own children. SBPL encourages parents, legal guardians, and children to discuss appropriate use of the internet including evaluating online content.agree to comply with SBPL's Rules of Conduct Policy. This also includes refraining from viewing any illegal, offensive, or harmful content, including but not limited to websites that contain pornography, within any area designated for children or teens. Unacceptable use also includes hacking and other unlawful activities.

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