

## **Internet Services Policy - OLD**

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### **Policy:**

Freedom of access to information is a responsibility. The Internet enables the Library to provide access to a wealth of resources available outside of the physical collection to individuals of all ages. However, the Internet also enables access to some materials that may be considered offensive and/or illegal. The library does not support access to these types of materials and requires users to comply with the laws that govern internet use.

Guidelines for acceptable use of Internet resources include the following:

- Use resources for educational, informational and recreational purposes only; and not for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes.
- Respect the privacy of others by not misrepresenting oneself as another user; by not attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others; by not seeking unauthorized access to any computer system, or damaging or altering software components of any network or database.
- Do not send, receive, or display text or graphics that may be construed as obscene or that may be harmful to minors, as defined by Federal and State statute.

### **Implementation:**

Unacceptable use of the Library's Internet access will result in discipline ranging from:

- A verbal warning up to denial of computer privileges, determined by the Library Director.
- Exposing a child to sexually explicit conduct is a violation of Wisconsin State Statute § 948.055 and is punishable by a fine of up to \$25,000 or imprisonment of up to 12 years, or both.
- When deemed appropriate by the Library Director, reports shall be forwarded to the Manitowoc Police Department or other appropriate law enforcement agency.