



Internet Safety Policy

Introduction

In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) [Pub. L. No. 106-554 and 47 USC 254(h)], in order to remain eligible for certain federal funding, it is the policy of the James Blackstone Memorial Library to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet, electronic mail, or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors.

Access to Inappropriate Material

Internet filters are used to block access to inappropriate information, specifically visual depictions of material deemed obscene, or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

As required by CIPA, filters may be disabled for adults 18 years or older who request it for bona fide research or any other lawful purpose. Users may speak with a librarian to request unblocking of a blocked site.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users of the online computer network when using electronic mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, and other forms of direct electronic communications.

Education, Supervision and Monitoring

Library staff will educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy.

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