Thorntown Public Library
Computer Safety Policy and Acceptable Use Agreement

1. Computer access is available to those library cardholders who are in good standing with the library and who read, agree to, and follow the procedures outlined in this agreement. “In good standing” means no fines exceeding $10, lost items, or overdue materials.

2. Three levels of access are as follows:
   1. Over 18 with valid library card.
   2. Under 18 with valid library card, parent/guardian signs for child to use a public computer.
   3. Under 18 with valid library card, parent/guardian signs for child to use a public computer only with parent/guardian present.

3. Minors under the age of 18 who are Thorntown Public Library cardholders may use the library’s computer stations only if a parent or guardian has signed acknowledgement of this policy agreement on the minor’s behalf.

4. Guest access is available to library visitors who are not Evergreen cardholders and are otherwise not eligible for a library card. Visitors must show valid ID (ex. Driver’s License) in lieu of a library card upon request.

5. All Internet access is filtered. Filters generally block access to inappropriate matter on the internet (language, pornography, etc.).

6. Due to the limited number of computers, access may be limited. When others are waiting, use will be limited to sixty minutes.

7. Downloading to external media will be allowed. No programs may be run from external media.

8. The user is responsible for individual choices and agrees to refrain from inappropriate conduct. Examples include, but are not limited to: misrepresenting oneself or the library; using the Internet for unlawful or malicious activities; posting or sending slanderous, libelous, obscene, or threatening messages; violating local, state or federal statute; accessing, transmitting or distributing pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material; violating copyright; attempting to circumvent or disable library filtering software; and damaging or disabling equipment, software, or data belonging to the library or other users.

9. The user understands that the library makes no warranties, expressed or implied, that the functions or content of the system will meet the user’s specific requirements, or that it will be error-free or trouble-free, current or uninterrupted. The library will not be liable for any direct or indirect, incidental, consequential, or punitive damages (including lost data, information, or income) incurred in connection with the use or inability to use the system. Any goods or services purchased via the Internet are the sole responsibility of the library user.

10. The library reserves the right to inspect or observe the use made of its equipment and resources for purposes of enforcing this policy.

11. The library cardholder will be required to present his/her valid Evergreen Library Card at the Circulation Desk each time he/she wishes to use a library computer workstation. No access will be provided if identification is not available.

12. Wireless internet access is available on library property. Patrons are welcome to bring personal devices and make use of this access. Individuals using their own equipment remain subject to the terms of this policy.

13. The library may suspend or revoke use at any time, without prior notice or hearing, for violation of the conditions of use set forth in this document. The library will be the sole arbiter of what a violation of this Computer Safety Policy Acceptable Use Agreement.

14. The library reserves the right to amend this Agreement at any time without notice to the user. The Computer Safety Policy and Acceptable Use Agreement will be reviewed by the library board periodically.

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