



## **Internet Access Policy**

The Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library provides a comfortable and equitable environment for the residents of its service area to meet the ever-changing educational, recreational and informational needs. The Library makes resources available in a timely manner including connectivity to electronic databases and information and training in the use of all resources to help residents achieve their learning goals.

The library provides free access to the Internet as an integral part of this mission.

The Internet is a world-wide computer network which provides easy access to a massive body of information. The information and resources available on the Internet expand the Library's information services beyond traditional collections and electronic resources. In providing community access to the Internet, the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library enhances its existing collection in size and depth, and provides the opportunity for any citizen to utilize resources on the Internet.

The Internet offers unlimited access to information, ideas and commentary from around the world and a vast array of tools and resources for different age levels and points of view. However, not all sources on the Internet provide information that is accurate, complete, current or appropriate. The Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library does not endorse the view points or vouch for the accuracy of information obtained through the Internet. The Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed over the Internet and is not responsible for its content. Some resources and destinations contain material that some library users will find personally offensive or inappropriate for children.

The library, through its participation in Cleveland Public Library's automation system (CLEVNET) and the Ohio Public Library Information network (OPLIN) can and does recommend interesting and useful destinations and resources for library users to explore. These sites, indexed by subject area, can be found in the Electronic Resources section of the CLEVNET home page, through the OPLIN home page and through the home page of the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library.

The library seeks to protect the First Amendment rights of library users and their individual right to privacy. However, Internet users must be sensitive to the fact that workstations are in public areas and therefore images on the screen are subject to view by a wide audience. The workstations owned and operated by the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library will be used for educational, informational

and recreational purposes; they may not be used for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes. Library users may not send, receive or display text or graphics which may be construed as obscene under Section 2907.07 01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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