

MCLS Internet Access Policy Statement

The Monroe County Library System recognizes that the Internet represents an important and vital source of information. To enable all member libraries and their patrons to take advantage of this resource, the System will provide access to the Internet through its automation network. It shall be the policy of the Monroe County Library System to be in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (NCIPA). The Monroe County Library System shall, to the extent possible with commercial filtering software block illegal and pornographic web sites, and additional categories for individual member libraries as requested by their Library Board of Trustees or required by MCLS for computer network security. The development of procedures for unblocking legal Internet content at member libraries is the responsibility of the member libraries.

It is the responsibility of each member Library Board of Trustees to establish policies that govern patron use of the Internet within their facilities and to determine, to the extent that it is technically feasible, the level and scope of Internet access it shall offer. Each member library shall display this statement to be acknowledged by the patron when using the MCLS network.

Each of the Monroe County Library System members shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Monroe County Library System, its officers, agents, and employees from and against all liability, damages, costs or expenses, causes of actions, suits, judgments, losses, and claims, including attorneys' fees and disbursements, brought against the Monroe County Library System which may arise from the member's failure to comply, either through its policies, procedures, and practices or through its employees' actions, with federal CIPA and NCIPA within its own facilities.

The Library System affirms that it is the right and responsibility of parents to monitor their minor children's use of library materials, including Internet access.

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