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Chapter 5:
02-05-01 Philosophy

Services
Internet Access

- a) Lester Public Library (LPL) will provide information to patrons beyond the library's collection through access to the Internet. The Internet is an unregulated medium. While it offers access to a wealth of material that is personally, professionally, and culturally enriching to individuals of all ages, it also enables access to some material that may be inaccurate, offensive, disturbing, and/or illegal. Because of this, library patrons use it at their own risk.

02-05-02 Library Responsibilities

- a) LPL does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. No filtering software is used on any computers in the library.
- b) When using a library computer, complete privacy cannot be guaranteed. Users are cautioned that because security in an electronic environment such as the Internet cannot be guaranteed, all transactions, files, and communication are vulnerable to unauthorized access and use and, therefore, should be considered public.

02-05-03 Patron Responsibilities

- a) LPL does not act in place of parents (in loco parentis). While LPL recognizes the rights of parents to be involved in their children's education and reading, the library also recognizes the rights of youth to free access to information. The library encourages parents to establish open communication with their children and to be aware of the reading/viewing/listening habits of their children.
- b) Patrons may download files from a Web site directly to any supported portable storage media.
- c) Patrons shall respect the legal protection provided by copyright license to software, books, articles and other electronic files.
- d) Patrons shall respect the privacy of others.
- e) Patrons will be in violation of Wisconsin law if they:
 - 1) Expose children to harmful materials. Sec. 948.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, among other things, makes it a crime to expose children to pictures or images of nudity, sexually explicit conduct, or physical torture or brutality that appeal to the prurient, shameful or morbid interests of children, are patently offensive to prevailing adult standards regarding materials suitable for children, or lack serious literary, artistic, political, scientific or educational value for children.
 - 2) Damage equipment, software or data belonging to the library or other users.
- f) Patrons shall not:
 - 1) Harass other users with messages, prints, images or software programs;

- 2) Attempt to crash, degrade performance or gain unauthorized access to the library's or any other computer systems and networks;
- 3) Attempt to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others;
- 4) Libel, slander or maliciously offend other users;
- 5) Load or run any software other than that which resides on the Public Access computers.

02-05-04 Printing

- a) LPL makes available at a nominal charge printing from public access computers.

02-05-05 Limitation of Liability

- a) LPL assumes no liability for loss or damage to the user's data, the user's portable storage media or for any damage or injury arising from invasion of the user's privacy or from viruses that may infect the user's portable storage media or files.

02-05-06 Enforcement and consequences for violating policy

- a) LPL staff is authorized to take immediate action to protect the security of computers and the network or to enforce any part of this policy. This includes confiscating disks, requiring a user to leave the computer or the premises, and contacting law enforcement authorities.
- b) Violations may result in the loss of Internet and/or library privileges and may be subject to prosecution.

02-05-07 Wireless Internet Access

- a) Lester Public Library offers wireless access to the library's Internet service for properly equipped laptops and hand held computers. Patrons who use the Internet in the library are accepting the library's Internet Access Policy. Patrons must abide by that portion of the policy that indicates you are using your device in a public area that is shared by patrons of all ages. Internet privileges will be suspended if your use of the wireless network is not in keeping with this policy.

02-05-08 Use of the Library's computers constitutes agreement with this policy.

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