

ELIZABETH TITUS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

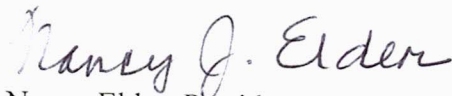
To comply with CIPA, Children's Internet Protection Act, the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library has adopted this Internet Safety Policy.


The library has installed filtering software on all of its internet accessible terminals. This filtering software helps protect against access to visual depictions deemed "obscene", "child pornography" or "harmful to minors" as defined in sections 1460 and 2256 of title 18, United States Code, and section 1703, Pub. L. 106-554.

It is the position of the library that staff presence and use of a filtering system should not be viewed as a substitute for parental supervision of a minor on the internet. Staff ability to monitor activities of minors online will be affected by circumstances at the circulation desk. With this in mind, children who are not in at least the sixth grade must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult (someone over 18) while using the internet. Children in the sixth grade and higher may use the internet without adult supervision. Children should be warned against giving out any personal information while using the internet, email, or other direct electronic communications.

Filtering software is flawed. It is impossible to prevent access to all objectionable resources. Filters may not block material that should be blocked, and conversely, may block images that should not be blocked. Patrons 18 and older (age verified by valid ID) who have a need to bypass the filter will be accommodated by library staff. The filtering software will not be disabled for minors.

Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library Board of Trustees adopted the Internet Safety Policy on September 22, 2015.


Nancy Elder, President


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