

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Approve and authorize the Revised Library Services Internet Use Policy for inclusion in the Seminole County Administrative Code, Section 29.15

DEPARTMENT: Library Services

DIVISION: Administration - Library Services

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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the 2009 Revised Library Services Internet Use Policy for inclusion in the Administrative Code, Section 29.10.

County-wide

Jane Peterson

BACKGROUND:

The library's current Internet Use Policy was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2007. The policy needs to be updated to meet the federal guidelines in the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA"), the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act ("NCIPA"), and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the 2009 Revised Library Services Internet Use Policy for inclusion in the Administrative Code, Section 29.15.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution and AC Section 29 15

<p>Additionally Reviewed By:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Attorney Review (Ann Colby)</p>

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2009.

WHEREAS, Seminole County Ordinance No. 89-28 created the Seminole County Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, Seminole County Resolution Numbers 89-R-438 and 05-R-151 adopted the Seminole County Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, the Seminole County Administrative Code needs to be amended from time to time to reflect changes in the administration of County government; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to amend sections of the Seminole County Administrative Code to meet Federal guidelines in the Children's Internet Protections Act ("CIPA"), the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act ("NCIPA"), and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA THAT,

The Seminole County Administrative Code is hereby amended by revisions, additions, and deletions in Section 29.15, "Internet Use", as more particularly described in the attachment.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2009.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MARYANNE MORSE
Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners of
Seminole County, Florida.

By: _____
BOB DALLARI, Chairman

Date: _____

Attachment: Section 29.15 "Library Services Internet Use"



SECTION 29. LIBRARY SERVICES

29.15 INTERNET USE

A. PURPOSE. ~~The~~ Seminole County Public Library System provides access to the Internet in support of the Library's traditional role as a provider of information and life long learning. Not all information available via the Internet is accurate, current or complete. The Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from its connection to the Internet. ~~Library staff has identified on the Seminole County Public Library's home page links to sources on the Internet, which are consistent with the Library's mission.~~

~~(1) Because the Seminole County Public Library system receives E-rate and/or Library Service & Technology Act (LSTA) funds it is required by Federal law, specifically the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), to employ an Internet filtering system that assures the safety and security of minor as far as technologically possible. The Seminole County Public Library System employs an Internet Filtering System that:~~

~~(a) Blocks and filters Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene, contain child pornography, or are harmful to minors.~~

~~(a) Blocks access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web as far as technologically possible.~~

~~(b) Assures the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications as far as technologically possible.~~

~~(b) Prohibits unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors online.~~

~~(c) Prohibits unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors.~~

~~(e) Restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors as far as technologically possible.~~

~~(2) The Seminole County Public Library System will actively educate, inform, and promote the safe use of the Internet in the following ways:~~

~~(2) The Seminole County Public Library System educates, informs and promotes the safe use of the Internet by providing bookmarks and flyers about Internet safety and use with information specifically geared to parents and youth.~~

~~(a) The library does not act in loco parentis so parents must assume responsibility for their children's use of the Intranet. Both parents and children are~~



encouraged to read "Child Safety on the Information Highway" and "NetSmartz". Two additional resources for parents are the U.S. Department of Education's "Parent's Guide to the Internet" and the American Library Association's "Librarian's Guide to Cyberspace for Parents and Kids".

(a) Provide bookmarks, flyers, and displays of books and materials related to the safe use of the Internet. Information will be specifically geared for parents and children/young adults including lists of recommended sites.

(b) Provide direct links to a Children's Web page and a Young Adult Web page on the Library's Home Page that link material especially recommended for children and young adults.

(d) Librarians will offer information, if requested, on how to be critical users of information.

(e) Use of privacy screens on all Public Access Computers that prevent inadvertent or accidental viewing of inappropriate material.

(f) Make the brochure "Library Guide to Cyberspace for Parents and Kids" available.

(g) Provide a link to the Web site "Especially for Children and their Parents."

(b) The Seminole County Public Library provides links to websites and especially recommended for youth on the library's Kid's Page and Teen Page.

B. UNAUTHORIZED USE. The following activities are not permitted:

(1) chat sites; and

(2) games

C. B. COMPUTER WORKSTATION PROCEDURES.

Access to the Internet is available by library Customers not having library cards should ask at the reference desk to access the Internet. Patrons must be registered in the Library's computer database, have a valid library card and have a zero balance on their account to access the Internet.

(1) The Library limits use of all Internet access to 30 minutes. Internet workstations automatically time out after 30 minutes use. Librarians can override the time limit if at least two Internet workstations are available at the time of the request. Customers may have up to two (2) additional session.



~~(2) Workstation use is limited to two persons per workstation to reduce noise level.~~

~~(3) Internet workstations do not allow customers to download information to a floppy disk.~~

~~(4) Staff will assist customers in accessing the Internet.~~

~~(5) Users are expected to use privacy screens provided at each workstation.~~

~~(6) Parents of minor children must assume responsibility for their children's use of the Internet through the Library's connection.~~

~~(1) Use of the Internet must be scheduled through the library's Internet Scheduling System.~~

~~(2) Workstation use is limited to two (2) persons per workstation.~~

D.C. LOSS OF PRIVILEGES. The Library reserves the right to deny access to the Internet workstations to any customer who fails to abide by the Internet Use Policy.

E. FEES. Use of the Internet is free of charge. Printing is 10 cents per page.

F.D. AUTHORITY. Resolution 2007-R-42 adopted March 13, 2007
Approved by the BCC May 14, 2002 as a Regular Agenda Item.