

## **ADAMS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### **SECTION 4.300 – INTERNET** (revised 6/27/02, 3/9/05, 9/09/09, 11/9/16)

#### **OPLIN/Internet Use Policy**

##### **Mission**

In partnership with the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN), the Adams County Public Library (ACPL) provides public access to the Internet and online electronic resources as a part of its mission to enrich lives through services of the public library.

##### **Internet Advisory**

Users are advised that the Internet is a vast, unregulated public communications medium. Some information may be outdated, inaccurate, biased, or even offensive. ACPL and OPLIN do not endorse nor assume responsibility for the content or format of any information found on the Internet. All users of the Internet do so at their own risk.

All library computers are filtered; however, a parent or legal guardian may “opt out” to prevent a child’s use of the Internet. The ACPL assumes no responsibility for censoring a child’s use of the OPLIN/Internet. Any child under age 18 who requests unfiltered access to the Internet must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

##### **Use Restrictions**

Library staff shall develop and disseminate OPLIN/Internet User Guidelines that reflect current legal restrictions, local library policies, information system security, and operating procedures.

The use of OPLIN or the Internet to engage in any activity that constitutes a violation of local, state, or federal laws is strictly prohibited. The Ohio Revised Code 2907.01 prohibits the display of "obscene" materials and materials "harmful to juveniles."

The Communications Decency Act of 1996 prohibits any communication that is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy or indecent with intent to annoy, threaten, or harass another person. United States Copyright Law (Title 17, United States Code) governs the use of all copyrighted materials.

If the user violates a local, state, or federal law, the terms of this policy or OPLIN/Internet User Guidelines, ACPL reserves the right to terminate any user's session and to modify, suspend or revoke a user's privileges of access to the OPLIN/Internet.

##### **Disclaimer**

All users of this service shall agree to hold the ACPL and OPLIN harmless from any and all claims, losses, damages, obligations or liabilities, directly or indirectly relating to the use of OPLIN/Internet, caused thereby or arising therefrom.

In no event shall the ACPL or OPLIN have any liability for lost profits or for indirect, special, punitive, or consequential damages or any liability to any third party, even if the ACPL or OPLIN is advised of the possibility of such damages.

##### **Amendments**

The OPLIN/Internet Use Policy may be amended at any time by the ACPL Board of Trustees. It shall be the user's responsibility to be aware of the current provisions of the OPLIN/Internet Use Policy and the OPLIN/Internet User Guidelines. Copies of these documents may be requested at the circulation desk.