**UNIVERSITY CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**RULES FOR USING THE INTERNET IN THE LIBRARY**

- Library patrons may check out a computer with their library card in good standing. Visitors without library cards may get a guest pass with a government issued photo ID.  Borrowers' cards are not transferable to others for Internet use.
- Computers are assigned on a first come, first-served basis. Internet sessions are 75 minutes per day. Additional time may be available if no one is waiting.  All computers are logged off remotely five minutes prior to the library's closing.
- Patrons may not install software on library computers. Patrons agree not to attempt to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others, including the setup or configuration of any software or hardware, or to corrupt, damage or otherwise compromise the library's equipment or software.  Violation of this rule may result in loss of computer privileges.
- Use of the Internet computers on the first floor is limited to people, age 17 or older, unless otherwise arranged with the Reference staff.
- Since passage of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), which was upheld by the Supreme Court in June 2003, libraries that accept any federal funds are required to filter computers used to access the Internet in their buildings.  This library accepts federal funds, therefore, all computers in this library are filtered using third-party filtering software as required by CIPA. The library does not guarantee that the filtering software will block all obscenity, child pornography, or materials that are harmful to minors. Nor can the library guarantee that the filtering software will not restrict access to sites that may have legitimate research or other value or access to constitutionally protected speech and information.  The law allows authorized staff to disable the filter to enable adults to have unrestricted Internet access. The library staff also reviews any site that a patron feels is unnecessarily blocked, or which a patron feels should be blocked.
- The library charges for printing. Printouts that are not picked up by the end of the day will be discarded.
- The user is expected to use our Internet access in a responsible and ethical manner and to respect the privacy of others.  Library Internet may not be used for any activity that is deliberately offensive or creates an intimidating or hostile environment.  Displays on the monitor or printing of sexually suggestive objects, pictures and/or literature may be in violation of state and federal obscenity laws. This may result in immediate termination of computer privileges for one (1) month.  Any action that deliberately exposes library staff members to sexually suggestive or other inappropriate materials will result in immediate termination of computer privileges for one (1) month.  Repeat offenders will have their Internet privileges permanently terminated. Other violations of this policy may result in temporary suspension of Internet access privileges.
- The University City Public Library provides wireless Internet connectivity.  By choosing to use this free wireless service you agree to abide by the library's "Rules for using the Internet in the Library" policy as outlined above.  Use of the wireless network is at your own risk, and the University City Public Library is not responsible for any damage that may occur to your device while connected.
- Misuse of a library computer or violation of the "Rules for using the Internet in the Library" will result in loss of your computer privileges.

These "Rules for using the Internet in the Library" were approved by the University City Public Library Board of Trustees, September 14, 1995 and amended April 1997, September 1998, January 2000, October 2000, October 2002, September 2003, July 2004, November 2004, September 2005, May 2006, April 2007,  November 2014, and December 2016.