

# **Children's Internet Protection Act Policy**

## **Emporia Public Library**

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### **Introduction**

Public access to the Internet and online services have become an integral part of the Emporia Public Library's programs and services. The intent of this policy is to meet the provisions of the Kansas Children's Internet Protection Act, as well as provide guidelines for patrons and staff regarding online computer use of Internet accessible computers.

This policy supersedes all previous Children's Internet Protection Act Policy statements of the Emporia Public Library and will be reviewed by the Emporia Public Library Board at least every three years.

### **Legal Requirements**

The purpose of the Children's Internet Protection Act Policy of Emporia Public Library is to implement and enforce technology protection measures to ensure that no minor has access to visual depictions that are child pornography, harmful to minors, or obscene as defined in L. 2013, ch. 98, sec.1 and ensure that no person has access to visual depictions that are child pornography or obscene as defined in L. 2013, ch. 98, sec.1 while using a public access computer.

The Emporia Public Library's Children's Internet Protection Act Policy complies with the applicable requirements of subsection (b) and L. 2013, ch. 98, sec. 1, and amendments thereto of KSA: 75-2589, commonly known as the Kansas Children's Internet Protection Act.

### **Implementation**

The Emporia Public Library will operate a technology protection measure or other process that blocks or filters online access to visual depictions that are child pornography, harmful to minors or obscene, as defined in the above legislation.

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Emporia Public Library staff to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Kansas Children's Internet Protection Act.

Subject to staff supervision, the technology protection measure or other process may be disabled only for bona fide research or other lawful purpose.

### **Complaints Procedure**

Patrons who encounter web sites they believe should be blocked but are not, or who are prevented from accessing web sites they believe should not be blocked, may submit a complaint. Complaints should be made in writing to the Executive Director and must include the URL of the site in question, whether the request is to block or unblock it, and a justification for the request.

Staff shall examine the site and determine whether it should be blocked or unblocked, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) and L. 2013, ch. 98, sec. 1, and amendments thereto of KSA: 75-2589. If the technology protection measure being used is a

regional service beyond the immediate control of Emporia Public Library, the complaint and staff recommendation shall be forwarded to the appropriate regional staff.

Complaints about observed patron behavior which violates this policy may be made in person to any library staff member or in writing to the Executive Director, providing as much detail as possible.

Complaints about enforcement of this policy should be submitted in writing to the Executive Director.

All complaints will receive a written response within 30 days.

### **Policy Publication**

The library shall inform patrons of the provisions of this policy by making the policy available on the library's web site and in print at the circulation desk.