BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY MANUAL SECTION VI – SERVICES

INTERNET ACCESS POLICY

In keeping with the mission of the Bloomfield Township Public Library, all patrons shall have enhanced accessibility to ideas and information through the library's connection to the Internet.

The Bloomfield Township Public Library does not monitor and exerts no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for the content of the Internet. The Bloomfield Township Public Library shall not restrict access or protect persons from information found individually offensive, except as provided by law. Library patrons use the Internet at their own discretion and are expected to abide by the Bloomfield Township Public Library's Conduct Policy and the library's Rules of Conduct. As with all library resources, parents and guardians of minor children, not the Bloomfield Township Public Library, are responsible for their children's use of and exposure to the Internet through the library's connection.

Users of the library's Internet access must observe copyright and communication laws and others' right to privacy. Individuals using library resources for illegal activities may be subject to prosecution.

Internet access at Bloomfield Township Public Library recognizes diversity of viewpoint in the Bloomfield Township community. BTPL subscribes to the principles expressed in these documents of the American Library Association: the <u>Library Bill of Rights</u>, <u>Freedom to Read statement</u>, and <u>Freedom to View statement</u>.

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