

Internet Access Policy

The Internet offers access to many valuable sources of information. However, not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete or current information. Some of the information may be viewed as offensive, inaccurate, or controversial. Library users are responsible for their own use of the Internet and parents are responsible for their children's use of the Internet.

The Orange County Library System (“OCLS”) receives E-rate and/or LSTA funding. As a result, OCLS is required by federal law, specifically the Children’s Internet Protection Act (“CIPA”), to block and filter Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene, contain child pornography, or are harmful to minors. In order to meet the mandates of this law some computers may not be accessible to minors.

CIPA allows OCLS to disable the Internet filter for only two reasons: (1) to enable access for bona-fide research; or (2) to enable access for another lawful purpose. If a member of the public wants OCLS to disable the filter, the individual will complete the PATRON’S REQUEST TO DISABLE FILTER form.

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