White Oak Library District
Internet and Electronic Resources Policy

General Terms
The Internet is a global collection of computer networks that connects thousands of computers all over the world. Use of the White Oak Library District's Internet computers will provide patrons with access to the vast amount of information available through these connections. It is important to note that the District has no control over these resources nor can the District have complete knowledge of what is on the Internet. Information on the Internet may be reliable and current or it can be erroneous, out-of-date, illegal, offensive, or controversial. As with all other District resources, it is the responsibility of the user to select or reject online information and exercise good judgment in their use of the Internet.

Although the District uses electronic means to limit access to illegal material, it is also incumbent on each user to avoid using District resources to engage in illegal activity. Illegal or prohibited acts shall include but are not limited to: unauthorized copyright use such as unauthorized downloading of copyrighted content; viewing obscene and/or illegal content; falsification of documents; violating software licenses; damaging or attempting to damage District equipment, software, or software configurations; compromising system security; negatively impacting network performance; libel or slander; misrepresentation; solicitation; harassment or cyber-bullying.

Wi-Fi and Personal Electronic Devices
The White Oak Library District provides public access wireless Internet (Wi-Fi) service to serve the needs of our communities. Though the District strives to provide fast and effective Wi-Fi service for all library patrons, in times of need the bandwidth utilized by our Wi-Fi may become subordinate to other needs of the Library. Once a patron connects a personal electronic device to the Wi-Fi network, all other directives within this policy will apply as though the connection were being achieved using a District-owned computer.

Use of sound-muffling headphones or muted sound on laptops, tablets, or other personal electronic device is required to avoid disturbing the staff or other patrons. Though there are many electrical outlets available for patron use, access to aisles, exits, library materials, exhibit cases or other resources must be left unobstructed at all times. Patrons shall not leave personal equipment unattended. The library is not responsible for equipment that is lost or stolen. The District assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from use of its computer network or from its connection to other Internet services. The District reserves the right to end a Wi-Fi session at any time.

Privacy
In general, the District will treat information stored on computers as confidential. Requests for disclosure of information will be honored only when approved by the appropriate library administrator, when authorized by the owners of the information, or when required by local, state, or federal law. Users should note that, in general, the Internet is a very insecure form of communication, and should take precautions when disclosing personal information. The District cannot accept responsibility for any information stored on or transmitted using its network.

Children and the Internet
As a public library district, we provide children’s access to computers as part of our commitment to meeting the informational, educational, and recreational needs of our communities. As with all Internet access, our children’s Internet stations provide users with access to vast amounts of information that may be reliable and current or it can be erroneous, out-of-date, or controversial. It is important to note that the children’s Internet stations are solely for the use of children up to 12 years in age. Neither
The Library Director, as the executor of the policy for the Board of Trustees, has discretion in determining what use is in the best interest of the library and is authorized to act accordingly, including limiting the use of the computers or electronic resources by individuals whose activities interfere with Library operations or adversely affect public usage of our resources and services. The District reserves the right to amend its policies at any time.