

## GLPLD Electronic and Online Information Resources Policy

Libraries make it possible for individuals, with proper identification, to have access to the information they need to make informed decisions. Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District is committed to networking that maximizes the use of resources of all types of libraries. Every library user benefits from expanded access to information beyond the walls of a single library building.

As the primary information source for residents of the communities we serve, and in response to continuing advances in technology, the Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District provides access to electronic and on line information resources including the World Wide Web to enhance our collection in size, depth, and currency.

Consistent with the provision of materials in other formats, the library provides this access in adherence to the principles of library service outlined by the American Library Association, Illinois Library Association and the State of Illinois.

On a global network, it is impossible to control all materials and as with any collection, Internet content varies over time. **The library does not filter or monitor Internet access\*\*\* and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content.** All sites are accessible, some of which may be controversial, inaccurate, out-of-date, offensive, and/or illegal. All individuals use the Internet at their own discretion and are responsible for the access points reached.

Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District recognizes electronic information networks such as the Internet may contain material that is inappropriate for children, therefore only a minor (under 18 years of age) who has a signed Electronic Access User agreement signed by their parent or guardian, on file, may have access to the Internet. Parents are expected to monitor and supervise their children's use of the Internet. Library staff is unable to monitor children's use. Parents are encouraged to discuss with their children issues of appropriate use and electronic information network safety.

The use of and on-line resources, including the Internet, is a privilege and not a right. If any user of Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District technology engages in any inappropriate activity, access will be denied.

Inappropriate activity includes but is not limited to: using another person's library card to access the Internet, offensive or objectionable Internet site s, tampering with the hardware or software of the Glenwood-Lynwood Library.

\*\*\*The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires that schools and libraries who receive federal funds for internet telecommunications must filter alls connected to the internet. The Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District does not receive federal funds for internet telecommunications, therefore is not required to filter internet access.

**PC Gaming System (Teen area):**

1. Users must have a valid Library Glenwood Lynwood card in good standing and be age 13 -25 years old.
2. Game playing will be limited to 2 hours. If no one is waiting to use the system, play may continue.
3. Anyone using the Gaming System must be willing to end the game when requested by staff.
4. Users will check out the games, controllers, and other accessories on their cards at the front desk. No outside games will be played without permission. Staff will log user in.
5. Any broken, damaged, or dysfunctional equipment caused by patron misuse will be charged to the patron's card, and library privileges will be suspended until costs are cleared from the card.
6. Users will respect others and keep the volume and noise level low.
7. A list of games will be provided. Games and accessories will be kept at the front desk when not in use.
8. The Gaming System can be used throughout the day.
9. The Gaming System will be shut down one half hour (1/2 hr.) before the library closes. Patrons using the gaming system must return all borrowed gaming controllers and equipment.