

EQUAL ACCESS TO MATERIALS

The Lenox Township Library endorses the Library Bill of Rights which states, “ a person’s right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background or views.” The “right to use a library” includes use of, and access to all library materials and services. The Library also endorses the American Library Association’s Free Access to Libraries for Minors; an Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights Statement. As that document states, “it is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to restrict their children from access to library materials and services. People who would rather their children did not have access to certain materials should advise their children.” It is not the responsibility of the Lenox Township Library and its staff to act in loco parentis. It is the responsibility of the Lenox Township Library and its staff to provide equal access to library materials and services for all library users.

The Library offers use of the Internet and complies with the Library Privacy Act concerning Internet use.

“If a library offers use of the internet or a computer, computer program, computer network. or computer system to the public, the governing body of that library shall adopt and require enforcement of a policy that restricts access to minors by providing the use of the internet or a computer, computer program, computer network or computer system in one of the following ways:

- (a) both of the following:
 - (i) By making available, to individuals of any age, 1 or more terminals that are restricted from receiving obscene matter or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors
 - (ii) By reserving to individuals of 18 years of age or older or minors who are accompanied by their parent or guardian, 1 or more terminals that are not restricted from receiving any material.
 - (b) By utilizing a system or method that is designed to prevent a minor from viewing obscene matter or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors.
- (2) A governing body of a library, member of a governing body of a library, library or agent or employee of a governing body of a library or library is immune from liability in a civil action as provided in section 7 of the revised judicature act of 1961, PA 236, MCL 691.1407.

The Lenox Township Library uses method (b) as its means of preventing minors from viewing obscene matter or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors.