

RESOLUTION 2026-1

A RESOLUTION REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE CHILDREN’S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (CIPA)

WHEREAS, the **Barrington Public Library District**, Cook, Kane, Lake, and McHenry Counties, Illinois (“Library”), provides Internet access to the public, including minors, as part of its mission to provide access to information and educational resources; and

WHEREAS, the Library may apply for and receive discounts for Internet access and internal connections through the federal **E-Rate program**, administered pursuant to the Children’s Internet Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 254(h) (“CIPA”); and

WHEREAS, CIPA requires public libraries receiving such federal funds to adopt and enforce an **Internet Safety Policy** that addresses:

1. Access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet;
2. The safety and security of minors when using electronic communications;
3. Unauthorized access, including hacking and other unlawful activities; and
4. Measures designed to restrict minors’ access to materials harmful to them; and

WHEREAS, CIPA further requires the use of a **technology protection measure** on all Library computers with Internet access that blocks or filters visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography, or, with respect to use by minors, harmful to minors; and

WHEREAS, the Library has provided **reasonable public notice** and held a **public hearing on February 9, 2026**, at which members of the public were given an opportunity to comment on the Library’s Internet Safety Policy and the Library’s compliance with CIPA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees finds that adoption and enforcement of an Internet Safety Policy and appropriate technology protection measures are in the best interest of the Library and its patrons; and

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that maintaining appropriate records demonstrating compliance with CIPA and the E-Rate program is necessary to satisfy federal audit and document-retention requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Library Trustees of the Barrington Public Library District, Cook, Kane, Lake, and McHenry Counties, Illinois, as follows:

1. The Board hereby **reaffirms** the Library’s **Internet Safety Policy**, as presented to the Board, in compliance with the requirements of the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA).
2. The Library certifies that it has installed and will maintain a **technology protection measure** on all Library computers with Internet access that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene or child pornography, and that blocks or filters such depictions that are harmful to minors on computers accessed by minors.

3. The Library acknowledges that, consistent with CIPA and applicable law, the technology protection measure **may be disabled by authorized Library staff for adults engaged in lawful purposes**, upon request, without undue delay.
4. The Library Director or designee is authorized and directed to **administer, implement, and enforce** the Internet Safety Policy and to take all actions necessary to ensure continued compliance with CIPA and E-Rate program requirements.
5. The Library shall **maintain documentation** demonstrating compliance with CIPA and E-Rate requirements, including but not limited to the Internet Safety Policy, public notice of the hearing, minutes of the meeting at which the hearing was held, and records related to the implementation of technology protection measures, in accordance with applicable federal document-retention requirements.
6. The Board acknowledges that **CIPA compliance is certified annually** in connection with the Library's participation in the E-Rate program and affirms its intent to **annually reaffirm compliance** as required for continued eligibility for E-Rate funding.
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 9th **day of February, 2026**, by roll call vote of the Board of Library Trustees of the Barrington Public Library District, Lake County, Illinois.

AYES: Carr, Cunningham, Forsyth-Tuerck, Lucas, Ordway, Prigge

NAYS: None

ABSENT: McCarthy

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED:

/s/ Jennifer Lucas, President Pro tem
President, Board of Library Trustees

ATTEST:

/s/ Anne Ordway
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees

16.0 INTERNET AND COMPUTERS

The District provides access to the Internet and computing devices.

16.1 Internet Access

The District requires that customers using electronic information networks such as the Internet do so in accordance with *3.0 Customer Code of Conduct*.

A filter has been installed on District-owned devices. Cardholders eighteen years of age or older may have expanded Internet access upon request. A parent or guardian who is a District cardholder may request expanded Internet access for their child by appearing in person to make this request each time expanded access is to be provided.

The District will take reasonable steps to secure its networks from unauthorized access. The District does not guarantee privacy of Internet sessions and is not responsible for the security of information or transactions using District equipment or networks.

16.2 Limitations

The District reserves the right to place limitations on time and manner of Internet, computer, and device use in order to allocate access as equitably as possible.

16.3 Computers and Devices

Laptop computers are available for checkout by District cardholders and registered reciprocal borrowers. Laptop computers are offered on a first come, first served basis. No reservations are taken.

Customers may charge out only one laptop computer at a time. Time will be automatically determined by the District's online circulation system. The replacement cost of the laptop will be charged if it is not returned by closing time on the date borrowed, if it is lost, or if it is damaged beyond repair.

Laptops are for use only within District buildings.

Use of District-owned devices and networks is at the sole risk and discretion of the customer. The District is not responsible for any damage to customers' devices or equipment while connected to District devices, networks, or other equipment. Internet users are responsible for the websites they access and use the Internet at their own risk.

16.4 Printing

Printing is available for a fee.

3.0 CUSTOMER CODE OF CONDUCT

Every customer has the right to use District spaces and services undisturbed and District staff has the right to work without undue interference. All customers and staff should be free from any threat of harm, invasion of property, invasion of privacy, or gross indignity.

To safeguard these rights, the following rules apply to customer behavior on all District property, District-maintained online environments, and in all communication with staff in the course of District business.

3.1 Respect Staff and Customers

Customers will respect the right of other customers to enjoy the Library free from disturbances that would not be reasonably expected in a public place. Customers will additionally respect the right of District staff to do their work in a safe and respectful environment.

Conduct not permitted includes but is not limited to:

- Harassing, threatening, or disturbing others, verbally or physically.
- Interfering with the use of or access to the Library by other customers.
- Interfering with staff carrying out reasonable work activities.
- Failing to comply with the direction and requests of District staff related to appropriate use of the Library and compliance with policies.

3.2 Respect Library Spaces and Property

Customers will honor the community's continued investment in the Library by practicing good stewardship of District spaces and property.

Conduct not permitted includes but is not limited to:

- Improper use of District facilities.
- Intentionally damaging, defacing, abusing, stealing, or altering District property or the property of others.
- Removing District property from District buildings without permission.
- Entering non-public areas of District buildings.
- Negligence while consuming food and drink in District buildings.
- Leaving personal items unattended or allowing personal items to block access to Library spaces and resources. District staff is not responsible for monitoring or locating personal property.
- Selling, soliciting, advertising and/or promotions of products or services on District property.

- Bringing animals into District buildings except in compliance with .0 (Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance).
- Solicitation of names on petitions or distributions of print material inside of District buildings.
- Distributing leaflets, printed material, or posting notices not authorized by District administration.
- Use of District parking lots for purposes other than visiting District buildings. Vehicles left in the parking lot after closing will be reported to public safety authorities.

3.3 Respect the Health and Safety of Others

Customers will respect the right of other customers and District staff to experience a safe and healthy environment while on District property and will do their part to maintain that environment.

Conduct not permitted includes but is not limited to:

- Smoking tobacco or cannabis or use of e-cigarette devices.
- Possessing alcohol or any controlled substance or being under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance as defined in the Illinois Criminal Code.
- Exhibiting bodily hygiene that constitutes a nuisance or health hazard to others.
- Possessing firearms or other dangerous weapons of any type, unless in performance of official duties.
- Failure to monitor and care for children or vulnerable adults in one's charge pursuant to *14.0 Use of the Library by Children and Vulnerable Adults*.
- Engaging in any acts in violation of any federal, state, or local criminal statute or ordinance.
- Any activity which may be reasonably expected to result in injury to self or others.

3.3.1 Temporary COVID-19 Safety Amendment

The District follows the guidance of state and county mitigation measures related to the COVID- 19 pandemic, with the goal of reducing the spread of the virus amongst customers and staff.

The District will put mitigation measures in place that adhere to standards and recommendations set forward by the state and counties the Library serves.

The District will make reasonable accommodations, consistent with Library operations, available to those who are medically unable or who decline to comply with procedures that follow state and county mitigation guidelines.

The District reserves the right to refuse entry to customers who decline to comply with this policy or who decline to accept reasonable accommodations.