

## **WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### **CHILD PORNOGRAPHY POLICY**

It is illegal to possess or view child pornography or the obscene visual representations of the sexual abuse of children in the library. Library employees will report such illegal behavior to the police immediately.

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Child pornography is defined as the visual depiction of minor children under the age of 18 engaging in sex acts such as sexual intercourse, masturbation or oral sex; the definition also covers photographs or depictions of children's genitalia. The U.S. Supreme Court has also stated that fully clothed images may constitute child pornography

#### **Federal Law 18 U.S.C. 2256 – “CHILD PORNOGRAPHY” DEFINED**

Child pornography is defined as any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, where

- the production of visual depiction involves the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct;
- such visual depiction is a digital image, computer image, or computer-generated image that is, or is indistinguishable from, that of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or
- such visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

#### **Federal Law 18 U.S.C. 1466A – “OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN” DEFINED**

It is forbidden to knowingly produce, distribute, receive, or possess with the intent to distribute, a visual depiction of any kind, including a drawing, cartoon, sculpture, or painting, that

- depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and is obscene, or
- depicts an image that is, or appears to be, of a minor engaging in graphic bestiality, sadistic or masochistic abuse, or sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex, and such depiction lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.