

Internet Use Policy

Statement of Purpose

The Internet offers access to many valuable local, national, and international sources of information. However, not all information found on the Internet is accurate, complete, current, or legal. The Library does not control, monitor, or filter the content of the material accessed via the Internet. The Library assumes no responsibility and shall have no liability for any direct, indirect, or consequential damages arising from the use of the information found on the Internet or communications sent through or received by the Library's Internet terminal.

Since the Internet station is located in a public area that must be shared by other library users of all ages, backgrounds and sensibilities, individuals are asked to use caution when accessing potentially controversial or provocative information and/or images. Staff cannot constantly or effectively monitor the public's use of the Internet. However, the Library reserves the right to ask individuals to discontinue accessing any information or images that cause disruption.

Child Safety on the Internet

Parents or legal guardians (Parents) are responsible for any of the information selected and/or accessed by their children. Therefore, Parents are encouraged to discuss the use of the Internet in relation to their family's personal values and boundaries with their children and to monitor their children's use of the Internet. Parents who do not want their children to have access to certain information on the Internet should so advise their children. In addition, Parents should be aware that the Library

- Cannot be responsible for any unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification. Patrons are encouraged never to give out any identifying information.
- Does not establish, maintain, and/or actively facilitate the use of e-mail accounts, news groups, list-serves, or chat rooms for its users.

Parents, children, and teenagers are encouraged to read [Safety Tips & Advice](http://www.connectsafely.org) available at www.connectsafely.org and [Safety Advice & Tools](http://www.safekids.com) available at www.safekids.com for guidance and suggestions on remaining safe while browsing the Internet.

User Responsibilities

General instruction and training on the use of the Internet or any other computer application are not provided by staff.

Misuse of the computer and/or the Internet may result in a suspension of computer privileges. Illegal acts involving the use of the computer and/or the Internet may also be

subject to prosecution by Federal, State or local authorities. Examples of inappropriate Internet and/or computer use by Library patrons include but are not limited to the following:

- Activities intended to interfere with or disrupt network users, services or equipment
- Using the Internet workstation to conduct a business or commercial enterprise
- Violating any Federal, State or local law (including but not limited to copyright infringement, invasions of privacy, viewing, downloading, printing, or distributing legally defined obscene material and/or assuming an identity that is not your own)
- Activities which result in damaging this or any other computer or computer-related device or software
- Violating any element of the Internet Use Policy

Patrons witnessing violation of this policy are encouraged to inform a staff member.

Users shall be responsible for any damages, including any resulting costs incurred by the Library therefrom, caused to the Library's computer or related equipment as a result of any negligent, reckless, or willful behavior on the part of the user.