

Gardiner Library Public Internet Policy

Use of the Internet at the Library is a privilege and not a right. Attempts to circumvent the library's procedures and restrictions will be considered a violation of the library's acceptable use policy. Unacceptable use may result in loss of computer access and/or other library privileges. Users whose conduct violates federal, state or local laws may be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Examples of unacceptable use are:

- any activity which disrupts, offends, harasses or intimidates other patrons.
- invading the privacy of others by "hovering" over them while they use the workstations
- failure to comply with library policy and/or failure to comply with requests from library staff
- intentional attempts to breach system security
- attempts to alter, damage, or abuse equipment or software, or to install any software
- vandalism against any other computer system
- sale, exhibition or distribution of materials harmful to a minor
- illegal activities of a commercial nature, such as purchasing or selling controlled substances, prostitution or gambling
- unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking", and other unlawful activities online
- unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identification regarding minors.

All users of electronic information resources, such as the Internet, are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner, consistent with the cultural, recreational, educational and informational purposes for which they are provided.

Since the Library Internet workstations are located in public areas that are shared by persons of all ages, backgrounds and sensibilities, individuals are asked to consider this when accessing potentially controversial information and images.

The Library has taken reasonable precautions to restrict access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet, but ultimate responsibility remains with the parent or guardian.

The Library reserves the right to require individuals to discontinue the display of information and images that may cause a disruption.

Personal information is entered at the user's own risk. When using e-mail or other forms of direct communication, we advise users, especially minors, not to enter personal information.

Acceptable Use of the Internet is compatible with the Children's Internet Protection Act, and with the Library's endorsement of the Library Bill of Rights; the Freedom To Read Statement, the Freedom to View; Access to Electronic Information Services and Networks; and with the policies, goals and objectives of this public library.

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