

## Acceptable Use Policy

### Public Computers and the Internet

**I. Overview.** Internet access is available on selected public computers for all patrons of the Library. The Internet is a resource to be utilized in the fulfillment of the Library's mission of free and unrestricted access to information of all types in a wide range of formats. The Internet allows users to connect to networks of information outside the Library, including those supplied by the Library through paid subscription services.

**II. Responsibility.** The Library is not responsible for the content of the Internet, which may be inaccurate, incomplete, or offensive. All patrons use the Internet at their discretion.

**III. Minors.** Some Internet content may be inappropriate for viewing by children, and parents and/or guardians must monitor and supervise their children's use of the Internet. The Library does not use content-filtering software nor monitor computer use by patrons. Children under the age of eight must use the internet with their accompanying adult.

**IV. Security.** Users should be aware that the Internet is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding users' activities. However, the Library will not release information on the use of specific Internet resources by members of the public except as required by law or necessary for the proper operation of the Library.

**V. Rules.** These rules will be applied to all use of Library computers:

A Patrons must sign up at the circulation desk. This allows one hour of use. If no one is waiting for a computer, the patron may stay indefinitely or until another patron requests the machine. Computers are available from the time the Library opens until ten minutes before closing.

B. Anyone owing the Library money or materials is not allowed to use the public computers.

C One, or a maximum of two persons, may sit at, view, or use one computer. If the behavior of the twosome becomes disruptive, the person not signed up will be asked to leave.

D. Internet users must not disturb any other patrons in any way.

E. This is a public place with others present, including children. Child pornography is NOT protected by free speech. If we see someone looking at child pornography in the library, we will call the police.

F. Users violating these guidelines will be subject to loss of computer privileges at the discretion of the Library Director.

**VI. Responsibility of the Library:** The Library strives to maintain internet access via library computers, networks, and wireless access always the library is open. Short downtimes do occur and will be announced ahead of time whenever possible. Library staff assists users with library computers, printers, library software, and general internet use and can also verify that the library's wireless network is functional. Library staff may be able to assist users with laptops phones, e [readers, or other wireless devices or answer software questions. Library staff also may direct users to library resources, internet resources, or training classes that can help users explore software or wireless devices.