

Computer Use and Internet Use

Internet Access

The internet is an essential medium for obtaining and transmitting information of all types. The Library provides wireless hi-speed access to the internet twenty-four hours a day, available inside the library during open hours and outside when the library is closed. However, the internet is an unregulated medium. It also provides access to information that is inaccurate, illegal or that some may find offensive or disturbing. The Library subscribes to and supports the [Library Bill of Rights](#) and its interpretations, particularly Access to Electronic Information, Services and Networks. Therefore the Library cannot and does not control user access to internet resources.

Responsibilities of Library Staff and Users

Library staff will not monitor a user's internet use, except for length of use, if necessary, to ensure equal opportunity of access for everyone. The user, or the parent of a minor, is responsible for their internet session at all times.

The Library reserves the right to terminate an internet session that disrupts library service or that involves behavior that violates the Library's policies.

As with all Library resources, the Library affirms the right and responsibility of parents/guardians, not Library staff, to determine and monitor their minor children's use of the internet. (Minors are defined in this policy as children and young people under the age of 18 years.) Parents are responsible for their children's use of the Library resources and facilities. Parents who believe that their children cannot responsibly use the Library's internet access are requested to monitor their children's internet use.

Use of library computer resources for any of the following is prohibited:

- Use for any purposes violating applicable federal, state or local laws;
- Interfering with or disrupting other computer users;
- Malicious, threatening, harassing or obscene behavior.