

XII. Computer Use and Internet Use

Internet Access

The internet has become an essential medium for obtaining and transmitting information of all types. Therefore, public access to the internet is germane to the Library's mission. 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 Right and its interpretations, particularly Access to Electronic Information, Services and Networks. Therefore, the Library 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 in order to ensure equal opportunity of access for everyone. The user, or the parent of a minor, is responsible for her/his internet session at all times.

The Library reserves the right to terminate an internet session that disrupts Library service or that involves behavior that violate 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.

Disclaimers

While the Library makes every effort to provide access to information of the highest quality, the Library specifically disclaims any warrant as to the information's accuracy, timeliness, authoritativeness, usefulness, or fitness for a particular purpose.

The Library will have no liability for direct, indirect, or consequential damages related to the use of information accessed through the Library's internet service.

Since software and information downloaded from any sources, including the internet, may contain computer viruses, users are advised to utilize virus-checking software on their home computers. The Library is not responsible for damage to a user's USB devices or disks or computers for any loss of data, damage or liability that may occur from use of the Library's computers.

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