

Policy: Acceptable Use of the Internet

Public access to the Internet is available to all users of the Princeton Public Library on most computers. The Library provides access to the Internet as an information and educational resource in support of our role as this community's information and lifelong learning center.

Consistent with our mission and the professional principles of public librarianship, this Internet Use Policy affirms the safeguarding of First Amendment rights, intellectual freedom, equity of access, confidentiality of information about users and their use of all library resources including electronic, and individual responsibility. The Library affirms the following principles and user rights as delineated in the American Library Association's Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights:

- *Electronic information, services, and networks provided by libraries should be readily, equally, and equitably accessible to all library users.*
- *Libraries and librarians should not deny or limit access to information available via electronic resources because of its controversial content or because of personal beliefs or fear of confrontation.*
- *Information retrieved or utilized electronically should be considered constitutionally protected unless determined otherwise by a court with appropriate jurisdiction.*
- *Responsibility for and any restriction of, a child's use of the Internet rests solely with his or her parents or legal guardians.*

The Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from its connections to the internet. The Library makes no guarantee, either expressed or implied, with respect to the quality or content of the information available on the Internet. Not all the information available via the Internet is accurate, current or complete. Users are encouraged to be good information consumers by evaluating the validity of information accessed via the Internet.

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

Users are cautioned that, because security in an electronic environment such as the Internet can not be guaranteed, all transactions, files, and communication are vulnerable to unauthorized access and use and, therefore, should be considered public.

Violation of the policies and regulations that govern the use of the Library's Internet resources may result in suspension or loss of the privilege to use these resources. Illegal activity involving the Library's Internet resources will be subject to prosecution by the appropriate authorities.

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