

Internet Acceptable Use

The Internet enables the Jefferson Public Library to provide resources beyond the confines of its own collection. It is not possible for the Library to review or verify that all the information is accurate, or that some content is not offensive. Therefore, patrons must exercise their responsibility as discriminating consumers by questioning the validity and appropriateness of the information they find. By accessing the Internet through the Library, patrons agree that the Library will not be responsible for any indirect, consequential, special or punitive damages or losses which may arise in connection with such use.

Access to the Internet at the Library requires a valid library card with Internet designation. Signing the library card application indicates that the applicant agrees to abide by this policy. A 30 minute temporary "guest use" is offered to those out of area or without a library card by asking Library staff for access.

As is the case with other library materials, it is the responsibility of a minor's parent or legal guardian to determine and monitor the minor's use of library materials and resources, including use of the Internet. The Library, therefore, affirms parental rights by providing a parent signature line on the library card application for all applicants under the age of 18.

Library staff is available to assist in the use of these resources, but may not be familiar with every application. Due to scheduling constraints, there may not be an Internet trained Librarian on duty at all times. Time permitting, staff will attempt to answer specific questions about the Internet and offer suggestions for effective searching. Information about Internet training opportunities and Internet training books and manuals may be obtained at the Library.

By using the public Internet workstation at the Jefferson Public Library, all users agree to the following acceptable use guidelines:

- Internet users are automatically given a three hour time limit per day. If there is high demand for Internet use, Library Staff may need to enforce a 30 minute time limit during high demand periods; however, if demand is low, users may continue their Internet sessions without interruption.
- All users of electronic information resources, such as the Internet, are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are provided, and to follow all rules and regulations set forth by the Library.

- No one may deliberately propagate computer worms or viruses.
- No one may use the Internet for commercial, illegal or unethical purposes. Illegal acts involving Library computing resources may be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.
- No one may misrepresent them self as another, or attempt to modify or gain unauthorized access to files, passwords, computer systems or data belonging to others. No one may damage or alter software components, files, or data of any network or database.
- Users may make only authorized copies of copyrighted or licensed software or data.
- No one may send, receive, or display text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene. In addition, no one may display threatening, harassing, or abusive, or racially offensive language or images.
- No one may change any setup or configuration of the Library's software or hardware.
- No one may install their own software on the Library's computers.
- No one may download to the Library's computer hard drives. The Library reserves the right to scan removable devices for viruses before they are used in any Library computer.
- There is a printing charge of .10 per page, even if library paper is not used. Color printing is available at .50 per page. User is responsible for all copies printed.

Any intentional misuse or abuse of the computer or Internet access, or intentional violation of the terms of this policy, will result in suspension of Internet access privileges for up to 6 months, or legal prosecution, or both.

Use of the Library's Internet connection constitutes acceptance of this agreement.

WARNING: Although the Library's computers utilize virus detection software, this is not a guarantee that users will be completely protected from viruses. Software downloaded from the Internet may contain a virus which may in turn infect a computer in which the software is subsequently used. The Jefferson Public Library is not responsible for damage to patron's removable device or computer or for any loss of data, damage or liability that may occur from a patron's use of the Library's computers.