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INTERNET POLICY

In an effort to provide free access to information and to encourage and support continuing education in a variety of mediums, Irvington Public Library provides free Internet access on its public computers.

The Internet is vast and unregulated. Patrons are responsible for verifying the accuracy of the information they find. The library is only responsible for the content of its own website, and does not take responsibility for the content of any other Internet site. The library and its staff are not responsible for offensive information or graphics that a user could possibly pull up during a search for information. Patrons should bear in mind that the Internet is not a secure medium. It is vulnerable to unauthorized access by third parties. Users must think of their transactions and communications as public when using public computers. The library is committed to the privacy of its patrons, and will not release information regarding computer use by patrons except where required by law.

Parents should play an active role in their children's Internet searches and activity. Our computers are not filtered, and staff is not expected to monitor children's activity on the web. Parents need to be aware of what their children are doing online and guide their children's use of the Internet as they would the other resources of the library.

Printing is available to Internet users. Patrons are responsible for complying with any and all copyright restrictions and regulations.

Internet access provided by the Irvington Public Library may not be used for any illegal activities. The use of the Internet for violation of any local, state or federal laws is strictly prohibited. Such activity would include, but is not limited to, acts of libel, fraud, harassment, or hacking.

Our computers are in a public space and users must therefore be sensitive to other library patrons. Speakers may not be used, although patrons may use their own headphones or other listening devices. Users are expected to respect the sensibilities of other library patrons and not expose others in the library to sites that may be deemed offensive. Privacy screens have been installed on the computer monitors in an effort to protect patron privacy, but there is no assurance that what users are viewing is completely secure from viewing by other patrons.

Internet users may not alter any software installed on the library computers. Software must be used as installed. Users may not tamper in any way with the operating system or any computer equipment.

***Staff has the right to terminate a patron's use of the computers for failure to observe this policy or the rules governing the use of the computers.***

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