

Internet Use Policy of the Easton Library

General Information

The mission of the Easton Library is to secure informational, educational, cultural and recreational materials to meet the needs of the residents of the area served.

Services are provided to patrons of all ages, cultural and economic backgrounds.

It is within this context that the Easton Library offers access to the internet. The computer provides the opportunity to integrate electronic resources from information networks around the world with the Library's other resources.

The Internet enables libraries to provide resources, materials and information beyond their doors. However, there are limitations. First, as it now exists, the Internet is not easy to navigate. Second, though there is a wealth of useful material for people of all ages, the Internet is unregulated and material may not be accurate. Moreover, the Internet enables access to materials that may be offensive or disturbing to some individuals. Some parents may not want their children to have access to sites that contain such material.

The Library upholds and affirms the right of each individual to have access to constitutionally protected materials. Thus, adult patrons are responsible for proper use of the Internet for themselves and their children. Children can have full access only if they obtain written permission from a parent or legal guardian.

Internet Use Rules & Procedures

In an effort to ensure that the use of this medium is consistent with the mission of the library, the following will apply:

- The internet station will be located where it can be monitored by staff and volunteers for assistance and security.
- All prospective users must read the Easton Library Internet Use Policy and sign the enclosed form.
- Users must be in good standing with the Library and must check in at the circulation desk before using the Internet station.
- While the Library will make every effort to ensure that the use of the Internet is consistent with the mission statement, parents are encouraged to work closely with their children. Persons under the age of 18 must have their parent or guardian present when accessing the Internet unless they have been given written permission from the parent or guardian. Permission slips must be signed in the presence of library staff.
- The Library Staff will not provide access to the following internet features: **Access to e-mail, Access to Usenet groups, Access to chatrooms, Saving bookmarks, Downloading plug-ins, Access to telnet.**
- Failure to use the internet station appropriately and responsibly may result in revocation of Internet privileges.
- The Internet station is available on a "first come, first served" basis.
- You are limited to a one-half hour of block time on the computer.
- All the files must be saved to CDs only. Files may not be saved to the hard disk drive of the computer.
- Virus scanning software has been installed on the computer. You may not install software on any computer in the Library.

- A printer is available. Each page printed is \$.15 or \$.20 black and white \$.25 color, payable at the circulation desk.
- As with all formats, patrons must respect copyright laws and licensing agreements.
- Users may not change the setup or configuration of the computer.

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