

ISLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET POLICY

The Island Park Library provides access to books and other resources and services for information, education, culture and recreation. It recognizes its responsibility to provide service on a fair and equitable basis to all individuals and groups in the community.

In keeping with this mission and with advances in information technology, access to the Internet and World Wide Web are considered to be logical extensions of resources and services.

GUIDELINES ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The Island Park Library is a forum of all points of view and adheres to the principles of intellectual freedom as expressed in the *Library Bill of Rights* and *Freedom to Read Statement* formulated by The American Library Association.

DISCLAIMER

The Island Park Library is committed to free and open access to information for all patrons. The Library makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, and assumes no responsibility as to the quality, availability, or reliability of the services it is providing. Users navigate the Internet and use information at their own risk. The Library will not be responsible to users for any damage which may occur as a result of the use of this system. This may include, but is not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays, misdeliveries, non-deliveries or service interruptions, as well as damage resulting from unintended transfers or disclosures or user file information.

RULES GOVERNING USE OF THE INTERNET

Users must register in person at the Circulation Desk for a 30 minute session to an assigned computer for Internet use or 1 hour for word processing. Time adjustments may be made depending on availability.

Island Park residents will be given preference.

Effective June 1, 2003, printing is five (5) cents a page regardless of what is printed on the page. The Library reserves the right to restrict or cancel a print session.

Users should not engage the sound mechanism on the computer, unless headphones are used.

Computers will be turned off 15 minutes before Library closing.

Transmission or display of any material in violation of any U. S. or State law is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening, profane or abusive language, expressions of bigotry, racism, sexism, or hate, and transmission of material protected by trade secret.

Users should not display text or graphics that is legally defined as obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors.

It is not acceptable to use this service to interfere with, or disrupt other users, services, data, or equipment. This includes, but is not limited to, distribution of unsolicited advertising, propagation of computers, worms, viruses, or any attempt to disrupt or improperly access this or any other computer network.

Users may not install, tamper, or copy any files to our computers.

Users may not make any attempt to damage computer equipment or software, or add, delete or modify the installed hardware or software, including downloading programs or games.

Unacceptable use of the Internet as referred to above, will be subject to suspension or termination of Internet access privileges.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT USERS

Parents or guardians, not the library or its staff, are responsible for the information selected and/or accessed by children. Persons under 18 years of age, who are not accompanied by an adult, are required to have a parent or guardian sign, in person, before a Library staff member, the Internet Consent Form provided by the Library. Only children up through 8th Grade may use the computers in the Children's Room.

STAFF ASSISTANCE

The staff can assist in the initial start-up of the system, and assist in answering reference questions. However, they cannot provide in-depth training on the Internet or computer use.

PUBLIC USERS' SECURITY

Users should be aware that the Internet is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding users' activities. However, the Island Park Public Library will not release information on the use of specific Internet resources by members of the public except as required by law or necessary for the proper operation of the Library.

USE OF THE INTERNET AT THE ISLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY REPRESENTS AN AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE TERMS OF THIS POLICY.