

XV. Internet Access Policy

The Ringwood Public Library offers its patrons both filtered and unfiltered access to the Internet from a workstation in the Library.

The Library does not monitor and has no control over the information found through the Internet and is not responsible for its content, timeliness, or accuracy.

All Internet resources available in the Library are provided to each patron wishing to access the Internet, subject to assigned filtering levels based on a patron's age (child or adult). The Library may set time limits so that all patrons seeking access will have an appropriate opportunity. The Library reserves the right to end an Internet session when time limits are exceeded. The Library also reserves the right to require individuals to discontinue the display of information and images that cause a disruption in public areas by moving to a less public computer – e.g. pornographic or violent images.

In offering global computer network access, the Library has no local control over access points, which change rapidly and often unpredictably. The Library also has no control over the millions of Internet users and the subject matter added daily to the Internet, and indeed, cannot have complete knowledge of what is on the Internet. The Internet is not controlled by any single authority. As with other Library resources, providing access to electronic information does not imply sponsorship nor endorsement by the Library. It is, therefore, left to each user to choose what is individually appropriate and for parents to assume responsibility for their children's use of the Internet through the Library's connection. Because parents or guardians may feel that information available through the Internet is not suitable for viewing by children in their care, supervision is advised.

Users of the Library's computers must comply with federal and state laws, Library rules and policies, and the terms of applicable contracts including software licenses. Examples of applicable laws, rules and policies include the laws of libel, privacy, copyright, trademark, obscenity and child pornography, computer fraud and abuse ("hacking" and other unlawful activities.)

Normally, the Library staff will not monitor or supervise Internet access, other than for length of use. However, if Internet searching results in disruption of Library services, or if patron behavior when using Internet resources becomes inappropriate for a library setting, the Library reserves the right to end the patron's session.

The Library shall have no liability for direct, indirect or consequential damages related to the use of information accessed on the internet from Library equipment. Internet users are reminded that not all sources on the internet provide accurate, complete or current information and that **public library workstations are not private or secure.**