

POLICY ON PUBLIC ACCESS OF THE INTERNET AVON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Internet access enables the Avon Free Public Library to greatly enhance its information services beyond the scope of traditional collections and resources.

The Internet is a vast and unregulated global information network that enables library users to access ideas, information, images and text beyond the confines of the Library's collection, mission, selection criteria and collection development policies. The Avon Free Public Library does not control the information accessible through the Internet and does not accept responsibility for its content.

Internet workstations are located in public areas shared by library users of all ages, backgrounds and sensibilities, so individuals are expected to be considerate of others when accessing potentially offensive information and images. The space surrounding the workstations is "public space," and Internet users are subject to the library's general rules regarding appropriate behavior in the library. To encourage a safe and appropriate environment for minors, internet filters may be employed on computers used primarily by children or teens. All users have the right to use unfiltered workstations located in the adult department. For children under the age of 18, supervision and/or restriction of a child's access to, and use of, the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

Library staff reserve the right to enforce time limits for users to ensure that fair use of the public computers is available to all. The fee for printing is posted at several locations in the Library.

Internet privileges and/or library privileges may be suspended for misuse, abuse, or illegal use of the Internet, behavior which is disruptive to the operation of the library and/or the quiet enjoyment of the library by others, or because of other violations of this policy.

Library personnel may monitor customers' use of the Internet to assure that library policies and procedures are being upheld, and reserve the right to contact law enforcement should it be deemed appropriate.

The Library Director will establish rules and procedures governing the implementation of this policy.

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