

Ethel Everhard Memorial Library

Internet Use Policy

In response to advances in technology and the changing formats of information, the Internet, as information resource enables the library to offer information beyond the confines of its own collection. Individuals who use the Internet at the Ethel Everhard Memorial Library or through the library's wireless connections are expected to do so in a responsible, ethical way.

The Ethel Everhard Memorial Library assumes no responsibility or liability for the use of the Internet by children. All responsibility for a child's use of the Internet rests with the parent, guardian or caregiver. Parents should monitor their children's use of all library materials, including the Internet. All minors must have parental consent in the form of a signed "Acceptable Internet Use Agreement," to be kept on file at the library prior to using the Internet. Parents must sign the agreement in person at the library.

Library staff is available to assist in use of the Internet, but may not be familiar with every application you wish to use. There may not always be an Internet trained librarian on duty. Library staff cannot provide complete technical support.

Internet users should be aware that they might find material in graphical or text format that they consider offensive, just as they might find objectionable material in other formats. Just as the library does not endorse the opinions or viewpoints in other parts of the collection, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of information obtained through the Internet.

The library expects that anyone who accesses the Internet at the library or through the library's wireless connections will agree to the following:

- All resources will be used for educational, informational or recreational uses only, and not for illegal or unethical purposes.
- The privacy of others will be respected by not: misrepresenting oneself as another user, attempting to crash, degrade performance, modify or gain unauthorized access to the library's or any other computer system, network or database.
- Not sending, receiving or displaying text or graphics that may be reasonably construed as harassment, obscene, threatening, abusive or offensive to either adults or minors as defined by Federal and State statute.
- Making only authorized copies of copyrighted or licensed data.
- Follow appropriate procedures for Internet use in the library, including signing an "Acceptable Internet Use Agreement," to be kept on file at the library, and by signing in at the front desk prior to use, and by limiting use to 30 minutes when there is a waiting list, and by paying for any printing.

Misuse, abuse, unauthorized use or unethical use of the Internet will result in application of the following disciplinary steps: 1st offense: The patron will be reminded of the Library's policy. 2nd offense: The user will lose that day's computer privilege. 3rd offense: Patron will be suspended from the computer for four weeks. 4th offense: Patron will be suspended from the computer for one year. If the offender is a minor under the age of 16, his/her parent will also be notified of each incident.

Illegal activities will be referred to the police upon each incident.

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