

## **Internet Use Policy**

The Brockville Public Library provides free Internet access to the public to ensure equal access to information to meet the educational and recreational needs of the community.

The Internet is an unregulated worldwide environment. Some information found on the Internet may NOT be accurate, complete, or current. Users must assess the validity of the information found. Users should be aware that the Internet is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information about users; activities. The Library assumes no responsibility for the security and privacy on on-line transactions.

The library's open access policy allows children access to all of the library's resources. It is the parent's responsibility to monitor their child's Internet use. Children under the age of 10 may not use the Internet unless accompanied by an adult.

The library does not manage the content of the information accessed through the Internet and assumes responsibility only for the information provided on its own home pages. The Library is not responsible for the site content of links or secondary links from its home pages. The Brockville Public Library assumes no responsibility for any direct or indirect claims, damages, or costs, howsoever caused, sought by users or third parties arising from its provision of access to Internet services.

Brockville Public Library's users are subject to federal, provincial, and municipal legislation regarding Internet use, including provisions of the Criminal Code regarding obscenity, provocation of hate, and child pornography. The use of the Library's Internet services for illegal purposes is prohibited.

Certain copying or distribution of material found on the Internet may infringe on copyright or other intellectual property rights. The Library is not responsible for such infringements.

In order to use the Internet or any computers at the library, all patron's **MUST** agree to the following:

- Users may book a maximum of ONE HOUR of computer time per day including the express stations. Bookings can be made in person only.
- Reservations will be held for a maximum of 5 MINUTES after the scheduled start time.
- Users may not send, receive, or display text / graphics which are illegal or may reasonably be construed as obscene or offensive. THERE IS ZERO TOLERANCE FOR PORNOGRAPHY.
- Patrons may be required to show identification.
- Due to space limitations, no more than 2 people may use a station at the same time, and both must be signed-up in the daily log.
- Users who want to download files may buy a formatted diskette from the library for \$1.50. The library will not be responsible for loss or damage (e.g. viruses) when downloading.
- Patrons may book up to one week in advance.
- Printouts are 25 cents per copy. There will be no discounts for large amounts of printing. Patrons are responsible for every page they print out. IF YOU ARE UNSURE HOW TO PRINT JUST ONE PAGE, ASK FOR HELP AT THE REFERENCE DESK.

**Failure to follow these guidelines WILL result in the user's computer and/or library privileges being suspended indefinitely.**