

POLICY #19 – INTERNET ACCESS

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TRAINING: Library staff will answer specific questions about the Internet and will offer suggestions for effective searching and appropriate sites. Due to time constraints, staff members cannot provide extensive individual training on Internet use.

CHILDREN UNDER 18: Regulation of access by minors, users under 18 years of age, is the responsibility of their parents or guardians.

RESERVING TIME: Library patrons may sign in for a half hour session. The Library reserves the right to limit individual use to two (2) sessions per week and to no more than one (1) session per day based on demand for access.

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1. A user's log book is maintained at the circulation desk to ensure the appropriate allotment of time for each user.
2. Users may download public domain files to their own storage media. The Library is not responsible for damage to a storage media or computer

system that may result from viruses contracted through downloads. Users may not install software to the hard-drive.

3. Users may not make any attempt to alter software configurations, or alter or damage equipment or software. Vandalism to the Library's Internet system including hardware, software, and data, will result in termination of user privileges and potential legal action.
4. Users may not make any effort to improve or degrade system performance.
5. Use of the system to operate a commercial business is not permitted.
6. The Library reserves the right to terminate a session at any time.

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