

## Enfield Public Library

### Computer and Internet Use Policy

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The mission of the Enfield Public Library is to be a focal point of the Enfield community by providing all residents and community members with a variety of resources and activities that educate, enrich, and entertain. The Library is dedicated to providing patrons the right to use materials and services without being disturbed or impeded, and to providing patrons and employees with a safe and comfortable environment.

The Library offers public access computers and 24/7 wireless access in a mixed-age public environment to meet the information technology needs of the community. The objective of the Computer and Internet Use Policy is to provide guidelines for the use of Library equipment and to govern Internet use both inside and outside the building. Computer and Internet use will be managed in a manner consistent with the Library's Code of Conduct Policy. You do not need a library card in order to use the computers.

#### Public Access Computers

- Users must sign up using the sheet at the Circulation Desk.
- Sessions may be limited if patrons are waiting, courtesy is expected and appreciated.
- Computers are property of the Enfield Public Library, therefore the information stored in them is not private.
- Misuse or abuse of Library resources or willful and malicious damage to equipment may result in the immediate suspension of library privileges and/or prosecution of criminal charges [RSA 202-A:24].

#### Internet Access

The Library does not monitor or censor the information accessible through the Internet. The information available on the Internet includes much that is personally, professionally, and culturally enriching. It also provides access to material that may be offensive or disturbing to some individuals, as well as access to information that may be factually incorrect, misleading, and/or illegal. Library patrons access the Internet at their own discretion.

- The Library does not censor/control content of information available on the internet. The responsibility for children's access rests solely with the parent/guardian. The library will not serve *in loco parentis* to monitor children's access.
- Patrons seen viewing sites deemed pornographic or obscene\* will be required to terminate the session.
- **The Library's computers may not be used for any illegal purposes.** This includes but is not limited to hacking, child pornography, copyright violations, and bullying, threats, or other harassment. It is the responsibility of the user to not violate any laws when using the Internet. **The Library will cooperate with law enforcement or investigations as required by law.**

**Any library user who violates any of the above shall be denied the use of the computers for a time to be determined by the Library Director.**

\*Obscene Matter is defined in the NH Criminal Code, chapter 650:1:IV

Material is "obscene" if, considered as a whole, to the average person;

(a) When applying the contemporary standards of the county within which the obscenity offense was committed, its predominant appeal is to the prurient interest in sex, that is, an interest in lewdness or lascivious thoughts;

(b) It depicts or describes sexual conduct in a manner so explicit as to be patently offensive; and

(c) It lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.