

# Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The internet is a resource that enables library patrons to access information beyond that contained in the library's collection. While the internet contains a vast amount of information, it also provides access to sites containing material that some patrons may find offensive, and some material that may be illegal.

## Acceptable Use

The library does not monitor and has no control over information obtained on the internet, and cannot be held responsible for its content. Access points change rapidly and not all sources on the internet provide accurate, complete, or current information. Parents and guardians of minor children must assume responsibility for their children's use of the internet through the library's connections.

The Radford Public Library upholds and affirms the right of each individual to have access to constitutionally protected material. The library also affirms the right and responsibility of parents to determine and monitor their children's use of library materials and resources.

All users of electronic information resources such as the internet at the public library are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are provided, and the public setting in which they are offered.

## Unacceptable Use

Use of library resources is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a suspension of that privilege. Examples of unacceptable use, some of which have legal consequences, include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Violation of computer system integrity
2. Unauthorized tampering with computer hardware or software
3. Violation of software license agreements and copyright laws
4. Violation of another user's privacy
5. Use of sounds or visual images that are disruptive to other library users
6. Illegal acts using library computer resources
7. Sending, receiving, or displaying graphics that may reasonably be construed as obscene

## Work Sessions

Library staff will provide limited assistance with electronic resources as time permits. The library offers books, videos, and periodicals about the internet. Internet sessions will be limited to 30 minutes, with the possibility of time extension when no one is waiting for the workstation. Only 2 people are permitted to use a workstation at one time.

Library internet users must agree to the above terms and conditions before use.