

Sully Community Library Internet and Library Computers Usage Policy

The Internet is a global electronic network which enables the library to provide information to patrons beyond its own collection. Library staff will identify starting points for searches that are appropriate to the library's mission and service goals. The Library staff has no control over the vast array of information resources on the internet. It is not possible to control...

- *accuracy and validity of the information
- *the availability of links users would like to visit
- *the materials you may find offensive
- *availability of materials that will print from the internet

Users need to be good information consumers, questioning the validity of the information.

STAFF ASSISTANCE

Library staff will be glad to assist patrons, time permitting, in using the internet and library computers, but they may not be familiar with every application you might wish to use. The library staff cannot provide complete technical support. Library staff have the right to limit your usage or remove your privilege of using library computers.

PRINTING

Material may be printed at a cost of 10 cents per black and white. Color printouts will cost 50 cents per page. Printing costs will be collected at time of printing.

RESPONSIBILITY OF USERS

Supervising children's use: Internet Access to children under age 12 requires direct PARENTAL supervision. Forms may be filled out giving children 12 and over permission to use the internet without a parent present. As with all materials in the library, any restriction of a child's access is the sole responsibility of the parent, guardian, or care giver. Parents are encouraged to work with their children to develop rules for the use of the Internet. By using the computers and public Internet workstations at the Sully Community Library you agree to the following guidelines:

- All users of electronic information resources are expected to use them in a responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are provided and to follow these rules and regulations.
- Users must sign in at the checkout desk to access Internet or use computers.
- Use of the computer will be on a first come, first served basis. As a condition of use, users must agree that if someone is waiting they will limit their use on the workstation to 30 minutes, with a maximum use of 60 minutes per week.

Users may not:

- *Call to reserve specific time to use the Internet.
- *Make any attempt to damage computer equipment or software.
- *Make any attempt to cause degradation of system performance.
- *Use the workstation for any illegal or criminal purpose.
- *Violate copyright laws or software licensing agreements in their use of the library workstation.

*Engage in any activity which is deliberately and maliciously offensive, libelous, or slanderous.

*Use personal software.

Violations may result in loss of access. Unlawful activities will be dealt with in a serious and appropriate manner.

INTERNET FUNCTIONS PROVIDED

Sully Community Library provides Internet Explorer as a browser for the World Wide Web. The library's Internet access does not provide electronic mail accounts, chat lines or newsgroups.

DISCLAIMER

Because of the potential damage from illicit computer viruses, the use of personal software on the library computers is prohibited. You are advised that complete protection against viruses is not possible. Consequently, Sully Community Library cannot be held liable for damages to personal data and equipment.

HAVE FUN EXPLORING THE INTERNET, BUT REMEMBER THAT OFTEN YOU CAN FIND THE INFORMATION YOU NEED RIGHT HERE IN THE LIBRARY!

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