

Internet Use Policy

The Internet is not to be used for unethical, unauthorized or illegal purposes. Internet use to obtain criminally violent, classified, or pornographic information is expressly forbidden. Respecting these principles will help keep this resource available to you and all the community to share.

All persons using the Internet must sign a "Patron Agreement" at the library where it will be kept on file. Users under 18 years of age must have their agreement signed by a parent or guardian in the presence of the librarian. Parents, not the library staff, are responsible for the Internet information selected by their children. They may restrict their children, and only their children, from access to Internet resources. Children who use the Internet unsupervised may be exposed to inappropriate or disturbing information and images. Parents and their children are encouraged to discuss the use of the Internet in relation to their family's values and boundaries.

Personally identifiable information concerning children and young adults may not be disclosed or used in any way on the Internet without the permission of a parent or guardian.

The library expressly forbids the use of any chat lines, does not provide E-mail accounts through the library's Internet service provider, and does not allow file transfer protocol by downloading to a diskette.

Individuals may not modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others. Individuals may not seek unauthorized access to any computer system, or damage or alter software components of any network or database. In other words, hacking will not be tolerated.

Since the Internet Access computers are located in public areas which must be shared by library users of all ages, backgrounds, and sensibilities, the library reserves the right to ask individuals to discontinue the display of information and images which violate this Internet Use Policy. No one may send, receive, or display text or graphics, which may reasonably be construed as obscene. Library staff will have final authority in judging the nature of a site. Anyone caught purposely browsing a pornographic, hate, or violence-related site, must immediately close the Internet and leave the workstation.

First time violators of this Internet Use Policy will receive a two-week suspension from Internet use. Second time violators will receive a one-month suspension. Upon the third policy violation, the Internet privileges will be permanently withdrawn.

The Internet Access computers will be available during library hours. Library staff use for SILO and other reference searches has priority over patron use. Persons wishing to use the Internet or computer for word processing may sign up to reserve a time. Use time is limited to one hour per day and two hours per week. Unreserved time may be used on a first come first serve basis.

You may not use your own software programs or diskettes on the library computers. If you wish to save files, please ask the librarian. Diskettes are available from the library for a small charge.

We will provide paper for printing at 10 cents for black and 25 cents for color printing.

No food or drink is allowed in the computer areas.

The Ashton Public Library is not responsible for any loss of data, damage, or liability that may occur from patron use of the library's computers.

Ashton Public Library Board

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PATRON AGREEMENT

The user's use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. A user who violates this policy shall have his or her access to the Internet terminated.

Every user regardless of age must read and sign below:

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the terms of the foregoing Internet Policy. Should I commit any violation or in any way misuse my access to the Internet, I understand and agree that my access privilege may be terminated.

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Name (Print Clearly)	Home Phone
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Signature	Date

User (place an "x" in the correct blank):

I am 18 or older_____ I am under 18_____ (Parent or guardian must sign the form on the back side of this sheet)_____

PARENT'S AGREEMENT

To be read and signed by parents (or guardians) of patrons under the age of 18:

Child or young adult's name / names

As the parent or legal guardian of the above patron/s; I have read, understand, and agree that my child/children shall comply with the terms of the Library's Internet Policy for his/her/their access to the library's Internet computers. However, I also understand that it is impossible for the library to restrict access to all offensive and controversial materials. I understand my child/children's responsibility for abiding by the Policy. I am therefore signing this Policy and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the library against all claims, damages, losses, and costs, of whatever kind, that may result from my child/children's use of or access to such computers or his or her violation of the foregoing Policy. I hereby give permission for my child or ward to use the Library's Internet computers.

Parent or Guardian Signature
Phone Date

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