

John A. Stahl Library

Internet Policy

The John A. Stahl Library provides free access to the Internet as one means of fulfilling its mission to serve the community as a resource for information, entertainment, cultural opportunity and educational development, thereby enhancing and enriching the lives of its users.

The Internet is a worldwide network of information. Its content reflects the diversity of human thought and experience. This content is continually expanding. It changes frequently and its sources are limitless. Just as the Library does not vouch for or endorse the content or viewpoints in its collections, it is unable to vouch for the accuracy of information or endorse the various viewpoints accessed through the Internet. Users are encouraged to exercise critical judgment in evaluating the validity and value to them of information obtained through the Internet. The Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from its providing access to the Internet. Minors must have an Internet permission sheet signed by parent or guardian.

Internet resources accessible through the Library are provided equally to everyone. The Library supports the right of each individual to have access to constitutionally protected information on the Internet and the right of individuals, not government, to make information decisions for themselves. Parents or guardians must be responsible for the information selected and/or accessed by their children. Since they – and only they – can make these decisions for and with their children, they are encouraged to learn more about the Internet and provide appropriate guidance and supervision. Parents who believe that their children cannot responsibly use the Library's Internet access are requested to monitor their children's Internet use.

RULES OF CONDUCT

1. Internet computers will not be used by anyone, including minors, for illegal activity or to access illegal materials.
2. Installation, downloading or modification of software is prohibited.
3. Users will respect copyright laws and licensing agreements.
4. Users will not make any attempt to gain unauthorized access to restricted files or networks, or to damage or modify computer equipment or software.
5. Prompt payment is required by users who incur charges for printing.
6. Users must sign up to use the Internet on a next available terminal basis.
7. Access sessions will be limited to thirty minutes if patrons are waiting for computers.
8. Users must end their session and leave the terminal when asked to do so by Library staff
9. Users must be in good standing at the library. (No over due books or fines totaling \$5.00 or more.)

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