

Milford Public Library

Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Milford Public Library offers access to the Internet in keeping with its desire to meet the educational, informational, and entertainment needs of the community.

Milford Public Library has no control over resources on the Internet and is not responsible for the content of materials on the Internet. Patrons are responsible for the information they encounter. Parents or legal guardians of minor children are responsible for their children's use of the Internet, and are encouraged to share their child's computer experience. We recommend <http://www.netsmartz.org/index.aspx> as a great place to start teaching children and teens how to avoid the dangers that exist on the Internet. This site is sponsored by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The Library has installed filtering software designed to prevent access to material that may be harmful to minors. However, users should be aware that filtering software may unintentionally block sites that have legitimate research value or fail to block objectionable content. Filtering software is not a substitute for parental involvement and oversight. In accordance with the law, persons aged 18 or older may request to have the filters disabled. (Be prepared to show a photo ID to prove your age.)

The following guidelines offer Milford Public Library's definition of acceptable Internet use. Failure to abide by this agreement will result in suspension or revocation of Internet use privileges.

»Any patron wanting to access the Internet, including wireless, must obtain an Internet card and sign in at the circulation desk. (In the adult department or Children's department). Patrons using their own devices (laptop, iphone, etc.) must comply with the same rules governing internet usage as those who use the public computers offered by the library.

»Access to the Internet via the library's resources (using the library's computers or the library's wireless Internet access) implies agreement with the policy.

»Users must refrain from inappropriate Internet conduct. Examples of such are (but not limited to) as follows:

- 1) **Use of the Internet to violate any local, state or federal law. (Including copyright laws). Users, whose conduct with a computer resource or the Internet violates federal, state or local laws, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Evidence of illegal activities will be reported to the proper legal authorities. Milford Public Library will cooperate with the proper authorities in the investigation of illegal activities.**
- 2) **Use of the Internet to send, receive or display material that is obscene, subversive, offensive or illegal.**
- 3) **Any use which damages or alters computer equipment, systems, or software.**

The privacy and/or safety of electronic transmissions cannot be guaranteed. Furthermore, since patron computers are located in public areas of the library, what is displayed on the monitor may be seen by others. If a patron chooses to bring his/her own computer or software to the library, the library is not responsible for damage to that computer or software or for corruption of the data, including corruption caused by virus or spyware infection.

Internet time is limited to one hour per day. Anything a patron prints incurs costs (ask at circulation desk).

Computers located in the Children's department are for minors ONLY.

Public Access computers located upstairs are for all ages, with adult (18 and up) and teen (age 12-17) taking priority.

Library staff has sole authority for determining if patron behavior is inappropriate. Computer usage may be monitored.

Library staff has the authority to end an Internet session and/or revoke Internet privileges if inappropriate behavior occurs.

I have read the policy above, and agree to abide by it.

_____ **Date**_____

Signature of patron

_____ **Date**_____

Signature of parent or legal guardian for minor's Internet usage

Adopted by MPL Board on October 20, 2014.