



**Wainfleet Township
Public Library**

INTERNET USE POLICY

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The Wainfleet Township Public Library offers Internet access to all patrons in accordance with our mission statement that the Library “guarantees free and equitable access to all with opportunities for personal enrichment and lifelong learning while accommodating the changing needs of our community”.

The Internet is an unregulated medium, which provides access to ideas, information, and images that range in scope from excellent, reliable and authoritative to controversial, offensive, inappropriate or inaccurate. Accordingly, users are advised to evaluate the validity of the information found on the Internet as they would any other information resource. The Library does not assume responsibility for the accuracy, currency or appropriateness of material on the Internet or for damages direct or indirect, arising from its connections to the Internet.

1. Patrons must have a valid Wainfleet Township Public Library card in order to access the Internet or other computer applications.
2. Patrons with outstanding fines or charges in excess of \$10 and/or 10 or more items overdue will not be permitted to access the Internet until their account balance is paid in full.
3. Parents or guardians are expected to monitor and supervise their children’s use of the Internet and are responsible for the Internet information accessed by their children.
4. Internet access is offered in 60-minute sessions, on a first-come, first-served basis. Sessions may be extended, if no one is waiting, at the discretion of Library staff. The Library reserves the right to limit access to ½ hour sessions during peak use periods. Patrons are encouraged to inform staff if they are waiting so that this limit may be fairly enforced.
5. Due to the nature of the service, the Library does not assume responsibility for the availability of a reliable connection.
6. Because the Internet access computers are situated in a public area, which must be shared by users of all ages, backgrounds and sensibilities, users are asked to consider this when accessing potentially controversial information and images.
7. The Library cannot protect users from information or graphic images, which might be offensive or disturbing.

8. Although the Library cannot consistently monitor the public's use of the Internet, it reserves the right to ask individuals to refrain from displaying disturbing or offensive information and images.
9. Any attempts to access other areas of the computer, run personal software programs or compromise system security is strictly prohibited.
10. The Library's computers may not be used for illegal or unethical purposes.
11. Downloading to the hard drive is not permitted. Downloading to disk is permitted provided the disk is purchased from the Library's Circulation Desk. Patrons are permitted to trade a blank disk of their own for one at the Circulation Desk for no charge.
12. Black ink printouts are available at a cost of \$0.20 per page. Colour printouts are \$1.00 per page.
13. The Library is not responsible for Infringement of Copyright Law by Internet users.
14. Patrons are expected to comply with the Wainfleet Township Public Library's Internet Use Policy. Failure to do so may result in the loss of Internet use privileges. Illegal activity involving the Library's Internet resources will be subject to prosecution by the appropriate authorities.