

# Internet Use

The Pound Ridge Library District provides free access to the Internet in accordance with its mission to provide information of all types in a wide range of formats. This Internet Policy affirms the principles of intellectual freedom, equity of access, and confidentiality of information about users and their use of library resources.

The Internet is a vast and unregulated information network. The Library does not monitor and has no control over information which is obtained on the Internet. Not all the information is accurate, current or complete. Users are encouraged to exercise critical judgment in evaluating accessed information. The Library cannot protect users from information and images that they may find offensive or disturbing. The Library assumes responsibility only for the information provided on its home page. As with other library materials, the restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian. Parents are advised to take an active interest in their children's online use.

Library users are cautioned that the Internet is not a secure medium and all transactions, files and communications are vulnerable to unauthorized access and, therefore, should be considered public. The Library will not release information on the use of electronic resources by members of the public except as required by law.

All individuals are expected to use the Library's Internet terminals in a responsible and courteous way, consistent with the educational, informational and recreational purposes for which all Library resources are provided. Use of the Internet for activities that violate local, state or federal laws is prohibited. This includes activities such as viewing child pornography, committing fraud, hacking, libeling or threatening. The Library is not responsible for any patron misuse of copyright or any other violation.

Access to the computer terminal is on a first-come, first-served basis for a 30-minute session. We ask patrons to limit to 30 minutes when others are in need of the computer terminal. The Library reserves the right to terminate a patron's use

of the computer terminal at any time. The equipment and software must be used as installed. Patrons are not permitted to tamper with the equipment or attempt to access or modify the operating system. If the patron has any questions about the use of this terminal, he/she should ask the Director or the Reference Librarian.

There is a charge for printing.

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