

BLEYHL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Internet Policy Statement

The Bleyhl Community Library makes information available in a variety of formats, from print to audiovisual materials. In introducing the Internet as an information resource, the library's goal is to enhance its existing collection in size and depth. As a public access agency, the library offers any citizen the opportunity to navigate the Internet for ideas, information and commentary that may be personally, professionally, and culturally enriching to individuals of all ages. The Internet is an unregulated medium enabling access to some material that may be offensive, disturbing, or illegal, which the library cannot completely control or monitor. Internet access on library computers is filtered. In limited situations arrangements can be made for unfiltered access.

*Individual users must accept responsibility for determining suitability of the content. Parents are encouraged to work closely with their children seeking material that is consistent with personal values. **

Conditions and Terms of Use

The Library reserves the right to require all prospective users to attend orientation as a condition for access to the Internet. Orientation may include training in the use of the computer software or guidelines for the responsible care of Library equipment. The Internet stations are located where they can be monitored for assistance and security. A user must wait for library staff to set up a patron appropriate profile. Internet game playing (including but not limited to games of chance, board or card games) and chat room participation will not be allowed.

To the extent practical, additional steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users covered under the **Children's Internet Protection Act**, specifically: unauthorized access, including so-called 'hacking,' and other unlawful activities; and unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding minors. The Library shall receive permission from a parent or guardian before allowing Internet use to anyone under the age of 18.

The Library will make the Internet available on a first-come-first-served basis. Subsequent users shall make a request to a staff member and the current user will have 30 minutes to finish that session. The library can provide a new floppy disk for fifty cents.

All Internet users must register in the 'Internet Log' before each session. Registration will include name, date, time-in and time-out. Users shall log off as they leave the computer. The library staff has the right to refuse use of the Internet station to individuals who are disruptive or who do not obey all regulations including but not limited to accessing adult-oriented websites. **Failure to use the Internet stations appropriately and responsibly as defined above and in orientation sessions will result in the loss of Internet privileges.**

*See librarians for more complete definition of unsuitable content.