
**BARRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY
INTERNET USE POLICY**

MOTION #09-20

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1. PHILOSOPHY

- The mission of the Barrie Public Library: "Enriching the economic, social and cultural vitality of our community by opening doors to lifelong learning."
- The Library endorses the Canadian Library Association statement that "every person in Canada has the fundamental right ... to have access to all expressions of knowledge, creativity and intellectual activity."
- The Internet is an information resource that allows the Library to provide information beyond the confines of its own collection, and it allows the Library, as a public access point, to provide an opportunity to any patron to access the Internet.

2. DISCLAIMERS AND GUIDELINES

- 2.1 While the Internet offers a wealth of information it is an unregulated medium and allows access to information which may be inaccurate, out-of-date, inappropriate for children, offensive, disturbing and/or illegal.
- 2.2 The Library cannot control or monitor Internet resources, and patrons must accept responsibility for determining the accuracy and reliability of information found.
- 2.3 The Library's Internet access is intended primarily as an information resource.
- 2.4 Like other sources of information, the Information Services staff will assist patrons with using the Internet. Library staff will provide group orientation sessions, home pages, instruction materials, as resources permit.
- 2.5 The Library supports the right and responsibility of parents or legal guardians to determine and monitor their children's use of Library materials and resources. While the Library tries to make all Internet terminals visible, staff cannot always monitor use.
- 2.6 As with all forms of information, library patrons are expected to respect licensing agreements, follow the lawful use of and general rules of Internet conduct.
- 2.7 Misuse or abuse of Internet may result in suspension of Internet access privileges. Suspension of Internet access privileges will be in accordance with Suspension of Library Privileges in the Conduct Policy of the Library Board.
- 2.8 The Information Services staff will develop procedures as are necessary to ensure fair and reasonable use of Internet resources. This may involve identification, time limits, booking schedules and maintaining a log of station use.

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2.9 This policy applies to use of the Internet both through Library computers and through patron computers using the Library's wireless Internet service.

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