

Public Network Access Policy

For the purposes of this policy, unless otherwise specified, "public network(s)" is defined as including both wired and wireless networks.

Public network access at the Smiths Falls Public Library

- * is consistent with the Library's mission
- * endorses intellectual freedom and protection of privacy
- * and provides a valuable information resource

The Library's responsibilities are:

- * To provide orientation and training opportunities for all clients
- * To maintain a web site that is appropriate for all ages
- * To provide an environment free from sexual harassment and to discourage Internet use that denies others a safe environment
- * To affirm and acknowledge the rights and responsibilities of parents and guardians to monitor and determine their children's access to Library materials and resources, including those available through the Internet by taking certain measures designed to assist in the safe and effective use of these resources by all minors
- * To offer users the choice of filtered/unfiltered Internet access on the wired network, and to offer parents or guardians the choice of filtered/unfiltered access for their children on both networks
- * To make every effort to protect the privacy of
- * And, to enforce this policy

Users' responsibilities are:

- * To be aware that use of the Internet for illegal purposes, including copyright violation, child pornography, obscenity, and hate literature, is prohibited and may result in prosecution
- * To respect the sensibilities of others when accessing sites that may reasonably be considered offensive to others
- * To recognize that the Internet contains a wide variety of resources including resources that some may consider upsetting or offensive
- * To exercise extreme caution when sending personal and financial information
- * To be aware that use of the Library's public network for illegal purposes is strictly prohibited
- * And, to know that violation of this policy will result in suspension of library privileges

Parents' responsibilities are:

- * To assume responsibility for deciding which library resources and type of network access are appropriate for their children
- * To know that children are understood to include children up to and including age 16