

Internet and Computer Use

The Skaneateles Library is dedicated to making available a full range of information resources and services. The library provides access to the internet as an electronic means of reaching ideas and information, greatly expanding its information services beyond physical collections and resources.

The internet offers wide access to information and ideas; not all sources on the internet provide information that is accurate, complete, current, legal or philosophically acceptable to all people. Any website may offend some patrons. Any website may have inaccurate or misleading information. Only individuals can determine what is most appropriate for their needs.

Those who use library computer workstations or internet connections, including the wireless network, should be aware of the following (these rules also apply to devices circulated by the library for patron use that provide access to the internet or can be used to access the internet on personal devices):

- All users must comply with the library's [Patron Code of Conduct](#); users may not engage in harassing or intimidating activity.
- The library's equipment and Internet access are to be used for lawful purposes only. Activities that violate local, state, or federal laws are prohibited, including those regarding accessing, viewing, printing, and distributing obscenity, child pornography, and materials harmful to minors. The library will cooperate with authorities to enforce these and other statutes.
- The library is a public and open environment. Images prohibited under New York State Penal Law 245.10, 245.11, 263.11, and 263.16 may not be displayed on any device or in any form.
- The Children's Room is a public and open environment geared to a special population. Patrons may not display pictures inappropriate for the environment of the Children's Room on any device or in any form.
- Tampering with or disabling the library's computer hardware or software is strictly prohibited.
- All patrons are expected to use the internet in a responsible manner; activities that disrupt library operations, library equipment, the library network, other library users or use of the Internet at large are prohibited.
- The library is unable to monitor or control the content of materials on the internet.
- Use of library computers and networks is at the user's own risk. The library is not responsible for damage to, loss of or theft of user data. Users should be cautious about entering personal data on public computers or on personal computers/devices over a wireless network.

APPROVED POLICY of the SKANEATELES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

- As with all library materials, parents and/or guardians are responsible for the supervision or restriction of their children's use of the internet.
- Text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene may not be sent, received or displayed over library connections.
- Failure to comply with library policies or staff directions may result in loss of access for users or suspension of library privileges.

In order to provide equitable access, the library may impose time limits on the use of computer workstations.

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