

# Millbury Public Library Internet Policy

The Millbury Public Library's Statement: The Millbury Public Library is a place where people and information come together. It is a friendly, accessible, community gathering place for Millbury residents of all ages who have an array of information needs and interest. With knowledgeable, skilled, and personable staff, the library offers a variety of materials in popular formats and suitable technologies. Its focus is on helping members of the community to

- Learn both in formal and in self-directed ways
- Seek information relevant to their work, family and day-to-day live
- Remain current on topics and titles of popular interest

In keeping with its mission the Millbury Public Library provides information in a variety of formats including print, audiovisual, and electronic with access to the resources on the internet. Internet resources accessible through the Library are provided equally to all library users. As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the internet is the responsibility of the child's, and only that child's parent or guardian. Parents and guardians are encouraged to share with their children the exploration of the resources available through the internet. Staff will assist patrons with internet use as time permits but can not offer personal instruction.

Library users access the internet at their own discretion and they are responsible for any access points they may reach. Millbury Public Library provides the access to the internet only and this service is intended for independent use. The library does not control and does not monitor any information accessed through the internet for accuracy or content and cannot be held responsible for the content of the internet. Parents and guardians of minor children are responsible for their children's use of the internet through library connections. Responsibility over the use of computers by minors rests with their parents or guardians. The library promotes parental monitoring and supervision of their children while the internet is used. The library does not act in loco parentis.

## Rules

Users may not alter or remove computer configurations, software or hardware.

Users may not use the library terminals for illegal or abusive purposes including but not limited to the following

- Copying of copy protected material
- Use of chat room is not permitted
- Accessing pornographic material
- Distributing junk mail or computer viruses
- Attempting to violate computer security
- Transmitting or displaying obscene, harassing or threatening material
- Activities which are disruptive to other library users
- 1/2 hour time limit on the computer if people are waiting. If no one is waiting or homework is needed, an extension time may be available only through the Library staff.

As protection against viruses the downloading of information from the internet to the hard drive or saving of information to disks is prohibited. Disks or CDs may not be used on library computers unless authorized by a library employee.

Any violation of these rules will result in the suspension or termination of library privileges.

Approved by Library Board of Trustees \_\_\_\_\_  
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