

INTERNET ACCESSIBILITY POLICY

The mission of the Deer Park Public Library is to provide a community resource center with reliable information, responding to the needs of the patrons, regardless of age, sex, religion, or ethnic background; a center for continuing education and enrichment utilizing the most effective information technologies and a skilled library staff; it is the Library's belief that equal access to a rich diversity of concepts by means of a variety of formats is necessary to serve a free democratic society.

The Library makes the Internet accessible in keeping with this mission. The Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet, the lack of security or privacy, and cannot be held responsible for networked information. Information on the Internet may be inaccurate, incomplete, dated, or offensive to some individuals. Library users are responsible for the choice of sites on the Internet. Access and use of the Internet is undertaken at their own discretion.

Computer literacy is essential when using the Internet. Library staff may assist individuals who are using the Internet, but Library staff cannot perform an individual's complete research project. The amount of assistance is completely within the discretion of Library staff.

Parents or legal guardians must assume responsibility for deciding what library resources are appropriate for their children. Restriction and/or monitoring of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. In order that a minor child may use the Internet in the Library, a parent or legal guardian is required to sign the appropriate consent form.

The Deer Park Public Library considers a minor child to be between the ages of birth and the individual's 18th birthday.

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INTERNET USE POLICY

Individuals wishing to use the Internet will either log-on using the barcode from the back of their Deer Park Library card or request a "guest" pass from the reference desk.

Patrons will have one hour of computer time per session. If no one is waiting to use a computer, patrons may be logged back on for another hour.

Computers in the children's room are available to children through the 8th grade, or who are 13 years or age or younger. Exceptions will be made on a case by case basis. Minors older than 13, or in grades 9 and above, will use the computers in the adult department after proper consent forms have been signed (by parent or legal guardian).

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