

STILLWATER COUNTY INTERNET USE POLICY

The Stillwater County Library is a public library dedicated to providing public access to printed, audio, visual and electronic information, including internet access.

The computers may be reserved for 30 minutes of access time. If no one is else has registered for the following period, a patron may continue using the station for another 30 minute period.

While most of the information can be valuable and enlightening, the user may also find materials that are unreliable, personally offensive, or illegal under U.S. law (see also USA PATRIOT ACT). The Library cannot police a global network and each individual user must take responsibility for his or her own activities on the internet and for the activities of his or her children.

Anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, or have written permission from the parent or guardian in order to use the internet stations. It is not the Library's policy to decide what ideas or information children should be exposed to. Parents or legal guardians should provide guidance to their own children. Parents or legal guardians are solely responsible for their child's, and only their child's, use of the internet.

It is the responsibility of each user to be guided by the following principles:

- Respect the privacy and sensibilities of other users
- Attention to the legal protection provided by copyright and license to programs and data.
- Consideration for the integrity of computing systems. For example, users must not intentionally develop programs to harass other users or to infiltrate a computer or computing system, or develop programs that may damage or alter the software components of this or other computing systems.

Further examples of unacceptable use include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Damaging or destroying equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library or to other users, including adding, altering, or deleting files on Library workstation hard drives or other Library computer equipment.
- Unauthorized copying of copyrighted material.
- Violating software license agreements
- Violating computer system or network integrity including attempts to bypass network security functions, obtain passwords, or alter the configuration of Library workstations in any way.
- Harassing others.
- Using the Internet for any illegal activity
- Gambling on the Internet
- Wasting finite resources (including printing without paying)

The Library reserves the right to terminate the Internet access privileges of any person abusing these principles.

While Library staff is happy to assist users in accessing the Internet, each user is nevertheless responsible for his or her own search. Staff cannot provide in-depth training in the use of the Internet or of personal computers.