

INTERNET POLICIES, RULES, AND USER AGREEMENT

I. Policy Statement

The Franklin Square Public Library provides Internet access as a logical extension of the traditional reference and informational services offered by the Library. However, the Library has no control over the information accessed on this network and assumes no responsibility for its content, quality, accuracy or currency.

The Library is a forum for all points of view and endorses the principles of intellectual freedom. Some sites on the Internet may be considered controversial or offensive to some individuals. Users are responsible for the choices of sites they visit.

Access by minors under the age of 18 is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian, and is permitted only with their signed permission. This will be kept on file. As with other materials, parent or legal guardians should guide their children in the use of the Internet and monitor their selections.

II. Rules and Regulations

1. The Franklin Square Public Library provides open access to the Internet to patrons who have signed and completed the Internet user form.
2. Parents or legal guardians of minors between the ages of 15 and 17 must submit a Permission for Young Adults to Use the Internet form. The parent or guardian does not need to be present to sign this form. The young adult must also show two proofs of I.D. (school ID and library card).
3. Parents or legal guardians of minors under 15 must sign, in person, the Internet user agreement form giving permission for their children to access the Internet at the Library.
4. Users are prohibited from engaging in inappropriate network usage including hacking and other unlawful activities and must comply with all State and Federal laws including all U.S. copyright regulations.
5. Library computers shall not be used to display, print, transmit or distribute threatening material; expressions of bigotry, racism or hate; obscene or sexually explicit material; or material protected by trade secret. Viewing of certain materials in the Library may be considered unlawful. Without wishing to censor access, the Library reserves the right to prohibit material that is unlawful for viewing in public areas or in violation of Library policy.
6. No more than two persons at a time may use an Internet computer, and both must have signed the user's agreement.
7. The Library reserves the right to limit search time on the Internet to half an hour.
8. Users may print out search results at a fee set by the Library.
9. Users may not alter or damage the Library's computer equipment or software and will be held financially responsible for damage.
10. Librarians will try to assist you in operating the machinery or in recommending appropriate search techniques for your research. They cannot, however, provide extended assistance or instruction. Users may wish to take one of the many courses available at nearby schools or colleges to learn how to use this valuable tool.
11. The Franklin Square Public Library cannot be held responsible for any loss of privacy, fees incurred and/or personal harm caused to patrons due to disclosing of personal information over the Internet. Patrons, especially minors, should exercise extreme caution before giving their names, telephone numbers, addresses, credit card numbers or other personal information out over the Internet, since it is not known who is receiving and for what purpose it is being used.
12. Failure to comply with Library's rules and regulations will result in the termination of the user's Internet access privileges PERMANENTLY. Appeals by library patrons relating to the revocation of Internet privileges shall be made to the Board of Trustees in writing in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Library's Maintenance of Public Order Policy.
13. The Library reserves the right to modify this policy at any time.