Children's Internet Policy
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Policy:
The Suffern Free Library, a primary information hub for the community, offers free access to the internet. To provide research tools specifically targeted for children up to sixth grade, and to inform and involve parents in their child's use of the internet, the Library has adopted these regulations:

Regulations:
1. It is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian to guide and monitor their child's internet use while at the Suffern Free Library.

2. Any internet user in the Children's Room in grade 6 and under must have a signed parental agreement that will be kept on file. Seventh graders and up are not required to have parental permission with regards to internet use in the Library.

3. The Library staff cannot monitor what is or is not appropriate content for children, and cannot guarantee that the data found on the internet will be accurate, complete, authoritative or unbiased.

4. The internet terminals in the children's room are filtered. Users may not be able to access all sites.

5. The use of the internet at the Suffern Free Library is a privilege and not a right. Staff shall have the absolute authority to suspend an individual's internet privilege for the day if the use is viewed as disruptive or offensive to other users of the Library.

6. Unacceptable use of the internet includes, but is not limited to:
   ➢ Willful damaging or tampering with computer hardware/software
   ➢ Displaying materials that may be offensive to others
   ➢ Copyright violation
   ➢ Violating another internet user's privacy
   ➢ Using the internet as a medium for illegal activities
   ➢ Not abiding by time limits or other internet rules

7. Repeated violations of this policy can result in longer suspension of an individual's privilege to use the internet.

8. Internet users will need their library card to log on to a terminal. Guest passes will be issued for users who do not have a library card.

9. Internet users must abide by Suffern Library's Code of Conduct.

10. Children may not visit chat rooms while using the terminals in the Children's Room.

11. There is a one-hour time limit if someone is waiting to use a terminal, and a two-hour time limit per day.

12. The internet terminals will turn off 30 minutes prior to closing.

13. Only two people can use a terminal at a time.

14. When printing, each page is $ .10.