

# Suffern Free Library - Technology Use

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*This policy supersedes all prior policies and practices relative to this subject.*

The Suffern Free Library offers free access to the Internet as a part of its mission to provide education and entertainment to the members of the Suffern Central School District. Because of the global nature of the Internet the library staff has no control over the content of this medium. Accordingly, the individual Internet user must evaluate the information found.

These guidelines are provided to inform patrons of their responsibilities and expected conduct while accessing the Library's Internet, e-readers, scanners, printers, tablets, and other technologies.

## **Terms and Conditions**

- Acceptable use of network or computing resources must comply with the rules set forth with RCLS and our internet provider. Transmission of any material in violation of any United States or State of New York regulations is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.
- The use of the Internet at the 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. More serious or repeated violations of this policy can result in longer suspensions of an individual's privilege to use the Internet.
- You are expected to abide by the Library's *Code of Conduct* policy and other applicable Library policies while using the Library's technologies.
- Suffern Free Library make no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the services they are providing. Libraries may not be held responsible for any damages suffered (i.e., fraud or viruses). Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk.
- For security and network maintenance purposes, Library staff or third party vendors may, as authorized by the Library Director, monitor equipment, systems and network traffic.
- Vandalism of Library equipment/technologies, data or software may result in restriction, cancellation of privileges, or criminal prosecution.
- Limited to two persons per terminal.
- The library may impose a per page printing cost.
- The Library may impose a time limit per terminal
- The terminals will turn off 15 minutes prior to closing

**Repeated violations of this policy can result in suspension of an individual's internet privilege.**

**A valid library card is required to access a computer terminal. Guest passes will be issued for users who do not have a library card.**

## **Children's Internet Policy**

Suffern Free Library provides free internet access with tools specifically targeted for children up to 11 years old, and to inform and involve parents in their child's use of the internet while in the library.

With access to technology and people all over the world, also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the public library setting. In compliance with the *Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)*, Suffern Free Library takes precautions to restrict online access to obscene materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and users may encounter controversial or offensive content.

- It is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian to monitor their child's Internet use.
- All users must have a signed parental agreement that will be kept on file. 12 years old and up are not required to have parental permission with regards to internet use.
- The Library staff cannot monitor what is or is not appropriate content for children, and cannot guarantee the data found on the internet to be accurate, complete, authoritative or unbiased.
- The internet terminals in the children's area are filtered. Users may not be able to access all sites.