

# MacDonald Public Library

## INTERNET ACCESS AND USE POLICY

The MacDonald Public Library provides public access to the Internet, as an extension of the Library's commitment to enhancing the community's information needs. While the Internet provides many valuable sources of information, users are reminded that some information on the Internet may not be accurate, complete, current, or confidential. The Library has no control over the information on the Internet, and cannot be held responsible for its content.

In accordance with Public Act 212 of the State of Michigan:

- The Internet workstations located in the Adult Services area of the Library are not restricted from receiving content that is defamatory, pornographic, or obscene. These workstations are for the use of individuals 18 years or older, or for minors who are seated next to a parent or guardian. If an individual is unable to verify with identification that they are at least 18 years old, access to an unrestricted workstation will be denied.
- The Internet workstations located in the Teen and Juvenile areas of the library are restricted from receiving obscene or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors through the use of filtering software. No filtering software can guarantee that it will block all obscene or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors, or all matter that an individual may deem inappropriate. Therefore, the Library encourages parents and guardians to share in their child's use of the Internet. Library staff does not supervise children's use of the Internet.

Internet Use:

- The Library provides free unfiltered wireless access. Wireless users agree to abide by the Library's Internet Policy while using wireless access. The Library does not provide technical support for establishing or maintaining a connection nor equipment configurations. The library is not responsible for any changes made to an individual computer's settings and does not guarantee that a user's hardware will work with the library's wireless connection. All wireless access users are individually responsible for maintaining up-to-date virus protection on personal laptop computers or wireless devices.
- Internet users may upload or download information from the Internet to their own discs or personal portable USB storage devices. Users should not expect library staff to do this for them nor to know the specifics of how particular devices work. Under no circumstances may a user download or save anything to the hard drive of any library workstation. The library assumes no responsibility for damage to discs, personal portable USB storage devices or non-library computers that may result from downloading files from the Internet.
- Internet users must be aware that they are working in a public environment with people of all ages and diverse viewpoints. Users may not engage in any activity that interferes with the ability of other patrons to use the library and its resources.
- Remember that you are using a public computer so do not enter any personal information or security codes/passwords as your privacy cannot be guaranteed.

The Library has incorporated in its policy the following *Rules of Conduct* and *Terms of Use*. The Library Board, the governing body of the Library, reserves the right to revise the policy at any time.

### Rules of Conduct:     **Internet users shall not:**

- Use the Internet for any purpose that violates local, state or federal laws.
- Access, send, receive or print content that can be classified as child pornography, obscene, or defamatory.
- Damage or attempt to alter the Library's computers, hardware or software.
- Reproduce copyright-protected materials without proper authorization.

### Terms of Use:     **Internet users agree to the following conditions:**

- Internet access is free to all users with a valid Suburban Library Co-op, Michicard, or Courtesy Card in good standing. Users, over the age of 18, who live outside the SLC service area may purchase a one day internet guest card for \$1.00. Users must have their own card with them at the time of access.
- Workstations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Users are granted one hour of access at a time. If no one is waiting users may log on again. If no workstation is available, users may make a reservation at the PC Reservation station.
- All internet sessions are terminated 15 minutes prior to the scheduled library closing time.
- There is a per page fee for ALL information printed from the Internet.

Violation by anyone of this policy will result in the loss of computer privileges, and may result in loss of library privileges. In addition, illegal acts may be subject to review by local, state, or federal authorities.