

COUNTY OF THORHILD #7 LIBRARY BOARD POLICY MANUAL

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Title: Availability to the Public

Policy Statement: The Library will endeavour to provide a Public Access Computer and Internet Services to the Public. The Internet, as an information resource, enables the library to provide information beyond the limits of its own collection and provides the opportunity to integrate electronic resources from information networks around the world with the library's other resources.

Guidelines and Procedures:

1. All public access computers, and the Internet provided by the Library are available equally to all library patrons and the public. Access will be made available on a first-come first served appointment basis.
2. Availability shall be restricted only by the hours of opening of the library.
3. Recognizing that the Internet offers unrestricted and unlimited access to information, the Library makes no attempt to monitor, control, or restrict the content and type of material available therein.
4. The Internet is largely an unregulated medium and there is little international, federal, provincial or municipal control on its users or its content. While it offers a wealth of information that is personally, professionally and culturally enriching, it also enables access to some material that may be offensive. The library will not be held responsible for content of web sites accessed by the public.
5. Not all Internet information sources provide accurate, complete or current information. Patrons need to be careful information consumers and question the validity of the information received.
6. Only parents or guardians may restrict the access of their own children to Internet resources. Parents are requested to supervise their children's use of

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the public access computers and the Internet. Unsupervised children, who appear to be unable to use the computers or access the Internet without supervision, will be asked to stop using the equipment

7. Use of the public access computers is at the sole risk of patrons. The Library will not be responsible for damage to a patron's diskette or computer, or for any loss of data, damage or liability that may occur from a patron's use of these computers, whether from computer virus infection, or otherwise.
8. Downloading of files if permitted shall not contain copyright material. The one exception is the downloading of Overdrive and/or Freading items as borrowing rights allow.

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