

INTERNET- USE POLICY

Most resources available via the Internet and other electronic information networks are “global” resources rather than “local” resources. Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library (ETML) cannot control the information content available through global resources such as information obtained from outside sources via the Internet. ETML urges library patrons to be informed consumers and carefully evaluate information obtained via the Internet.

Due to the proximity of the workstations and other library users, the library cannot guarantee privacy in using the Internet. The staff may monitor computers.

ETML is not responsible for damages, indirect or direct, arising from a library patron’s use of Internet information resources. Furthermore, ETML is not responsible for damage to patrons’ diskettes, data, or computer equipment that may occur from the use of the Library’s workstations or connections.

ETML requires that library patrons using electronic information networks such as the Internet do so within the guidelines of acceptable use. The following activities are examples of unacceptable use:

Use of electronic information networks for any purpose, which results in the harassment of other users.

Destruction of, damage to, or alteration of the library’s computer.

Use which violates a Federal or State law.

Use which violates licensing and payment agreements between ETML and network/database providers.

Duplication of copy protected software or violation of software license agreements.

Violation of system security.

Access/participation in Chat Rooms or the use of Instant Messenger type services.

Behaving in a manner that is disruptive to others.

Use of computers to view or send material considered inappropriate for a public environment or which might create a hostile environment, or sexually explicit or suggestive (obscene/pornographic) images.

Children and the Internet:

ETML recognizes that the electronic information networks such as the Internet may contain material that is inappropriate for children. Parents are encouraged to discuss with their children issues of appropriate use and Internet safety.

Parents and guardians of minor children must assume responsibility of their children's use of the Internet.

A parent or guardian must accompany children under the age of 13.

ETML has developed certain procedures to assist staff and patrons in the use of electronic information resources:

Patrons have the right to equitable access to electronic information networks.

ETML staff may provide limited assistance to patrons.

Patrons may use the Internet on a first-come, first-serve basis, no reservations.

Maximum of two (2) people are allowed at the Internet terminal.

Users may be asked to give up the computer after 30 minutes.

Cost recovery for printouts will be set at a minimal fee.

Only library owned software/hardware is permitted.

Users must agree to adhere to the library's Internet-Use Policy prior to using the Internet.

Violation of any aspect of this policy and/or inappropriate Internet usage (as deemed inappropriate by library staff) may result in the permanent loss of Internet privileges, and may include possible legal action.

The accessing or use of the Internet through any equipment or service offered by the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library (City of Sullivan) shall constitute acknowledgement of this waiver and disclaimer and shall be deemed acceptance of its terms and conditions. All users shall expressly assume the risk of receiving incorrect, inaccurate, defective, fraudulent or unlawful information while accessing the Internet through any equipment or service offered by the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library (City of Sullivan).

Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library Board of Trustees adopted the Internet-Use Policy February 23, 2010.