

## **North Brunswick Public Library**

### **- INTERNET ACCESS POLICY**

"The North Brunswick Public Library strives to be a gateway to the global network of recorded thought and information. The Library is committed to providing superior services to all segments of its diverse community, as well as employing state-of-the-art technology to improve access to global resources. As part of its mission to meet the educational and recreational needs of its public, the Library makes available free access to the Internet.

The North Brunswick Public Library endorses the American Library Association Library Bill of Rights, the American Library Association's Freedom to Read statement and the New Jersey Library Association's People's Library Bill of Rights. Thus, all Library users are provided equal access to resources available on the Internet.

The North Brunswick Library does not endorse the viewpoints or vouch for the accuracy or authenticity of information accessed via the Internet. Internet users must determine what information is appropriate and must evaluate for themselves the accuracy of the information accessed. There is sexually explicit material and other possibly controversial information on the Internet. It is advised that parents or guardians supervise their children's Internet access.

All Library users have the right to confidentiality in their research and use of services provided by the North Brunswick Public Library. The Library supports the user's rights to privacy; however, users are advised that because of the open nature of the Internet, the Library cannot guarantee the privacy of information or searching conducted at its public access computers.

The staff of the North Brunswick Public Library is able to answer questions about use of the Internet and offer searching suggestions to help locate information resources, but is not able to provide in-depth training in Internet skills or personal computer use. Internet users are further advised that more accurate comprehensive or current information may be found in the Library's collections of books, periodicals and CD-ROM databases. For thorough research on a topic, it is wise to consult with a member of the Library reference staff.

Finally, the North Brunswick Public Library reserves the right to terminate an Internet session at any time."

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\*Workstations have a 60 minute time limit per use. If no one is waiting to use the computers, a new computer session may be started by requesting it of the librarian.

\*Users may not save data or a program onto the hard drive of the Library's computers.

\*Flash drives may be purchased at the Circulation desk for \$10.00 each.

\*Users may not alter or attempt to alter the set up of the Library's computers. If they do, their privilege of using the Library computers will be suspended or revoked.

\*Users may not copy computer programs that are protected by copyright laws.

\*The Library is not responsible for any damage to computer user's flash drives, data, hardware or software by any virus which may have been contracted on or through Library equipment. The Library has installed virus protection but it cannot be guaranteed.

\*The Library is not responsible for any damage to computer user's flash drives, data, hardware or software as a result of malfunctioning of Library hardware or software.

\*Users are liable for damage to equipment caused by inappropriate or unauthorized use. Misuse of Library computers will result in the loss of the privilege of using the Library computers.

\*Users are asked to respect the privacy of others. This includes not representing oneself as another user, trying to gain access to someone else's data or search history, or "hovering" over another user while waiting to use a computer.

\*Library computers are set up for use of one individual at a time. However, a parent, guardian or tutor may work with another patron.

\*Time permitting, Library staff will try to help with basic computer problems but the staff is not able to offer extended explanation or provide in-depth training on demand.

\*The Library reserves the right to terminate Internet use at any time.