

## **INTERNET ACCESS AND USE**

### **Intellectual Freedom and Access to Information**

The library provides unfiltered public access to the Internet as a means of expanding information access to the widest variety of resources to all members of society. We uphold the principles of intellectual freedom and the public's right to know by providing people of all ages with access to information which reflects all points of view. This may include resources that some may consider controversial or offensive.

### **Children and Families**

The library does not act in loco parentis. Parents and guardians are responsible for supervising their children's access to all library resources, including the Internet. Library staff will be pleased to provide information and advice to assist parents or guardians in educating their children on the safe and effective use of the Internet.

### **Appropriate Use**

The library's computers are located in a public space shared by people of all ages and backgrounds. When using these computers, individuals are required to do so in a responsible manner that respects the rights and privacy of others. Any use of the Internet which violates local, provincial, or federal laws including the Criminal Code and Copyright Act, or creates a hostile environment for others, is prohibited on all library computers.

### **Assumption of Risk**

Use of the library's Internet service and wireless network is entirely at the risk of the user. The library is not responsible for any damage to personal devices, loss of data, loss of confidential information or any other damages that may occur while using the library's Internet service or wireless network. The library makes no warranty that Internet content will be accurate, reliable or safe for download or any other purpose.

### **Wireless**

The library's wireless network is a public, unsecured network. As with all public networks, users are at risk of having their information intercepted and viewed by others. Bandwidth limits on wireless access may be imposed.

### **Time Limits**

Time limits on Internet computers may be enforced at the discretion of library staff to ensure that all users have the opportunity to use Internet resources.

**Failure to Comply**

Failure to comply with the Internet use policy may result in suspension of Internet privileges and/or a request to leave the library. Continued violation may result in suspension of library privileges.