



## HEMET PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET POLICY

The Hemet Public Library provides public access to the Internet in keeping with its mission to provide materials and services necessary for self-education, informed decision making, and recreational needs to the many diverse segments of the community in all appropriate formats.

It is important to realize that the Internet is an unregulated medium. While it offers access to a wealth of local, national, and international information that is enriching to individuals of various ages, it also enables access to some material that may be considered offensive, controversial or disturbing. Also, as with printed sources, not all information on the Internet is accurate, complete or current. The Library does not control or monitor material that can be accessed through the Internet. Individual users must accept responsibility for their own selection of sites and information on the Internet.

Anyone with their own current Hemet Public Library card, in good standing, may access the Internet. You must have your card with you. It is the responsibility and right of parents to guide and supervise their children's use of Library materials and resources, including the Internet, in ways consistent with their personal values. The Library staff will make Internet resources accessible to all patrons, but cannot be held responsible for its contents and will not assume the parental role in supervising the use of these resources.

In order to make Internet access available to as many people as possible, time limits and other Internet policies will be set by the Library Board and will be posted on the Library's web page. A copy is also available from the reference librarian upon request.

- Internet workstations are limited to two people.
- Self-service, black and white printing is available for a small fee.
- Users may download material found on the Internet to their own storage device. Please check with the library to see if your storage device is compatible with our current machines. The Library is not responsible for damage to a user's storage device, or loss of data that may occur in the process of using the library's computers.
- Users may not bypass the security of the network. Altering the configuration or damaging the equipment used to access the Internet will result in loss of Library privileges.
- Only web-based e-mail is allowed.
- Attaching personal hardware, loading and/or uploading software are prohibited.
- Computing resources may not be used for illegal purposes. Illegal uses include, but are not limited to the following: harassment of others, libeling or slandering others, destruction of--or damage to--equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library or other users, and disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications.
- U.S. Copyright law prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials without the explicit permission of the copyright holder. The Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from such use.
- Library computer stations may not be used to view sexually explicit material appealing to the prurient interest.
- The Library cannot guarantee privacy or confidentiality for Internet transactions.
- Fifteen minutes prior to closing time all Internet computers and printer will log off. All printing must be completed by this time.
- All costs for legal action to enforce these policies or to replace intentionally damaged equipment shall be borne by the individual violator of these policies.

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