

I. Statement of Purpose

The Westport Public Library Board of Trustees has determined that the use of the Internet by the Library's users should be subject to a published written policy. The purpose of this Internet Use Policy is to establish the procedures and rules applicable to the access to and use of the Internet by the Library's users, and which will be applied without discrimination and in the best interests of all of the Library's users.

II. No Restriction

As part of the goal of making as much information available to as many people as possible, the Library does not restrict access to any resource on the Internet for reasons of content. Parents or guardians, not the Library or its staff, are responsible for the Internet information selected or accessed by their children. Parents are advised to supervise their children's Internet sessions. Information for parents on the appropriate use of the Internet by children is available in the Children's Library.

III. Misuse or Abuse

The misuse or abuse of computer hardware or software by any person (adult or child) will result in suspension of Internet and/or Library privileges for that person.

IV. Illegal Activity

The use of the Library's Internet resources involving any illegal activity is strictly prohibited. Such use will result in suspension of Internet and/or Library privileges for that person. In addition, that person may be reported to the appropriate authorities.

V. Enforcement

The provisions of this Internet Use Policy will be construed and enforced by the Library Director at his or her sole discretion. All decisions, determinations and actions taken by the Library Director with respect to this Internet Use Policy are final and are not subject to review.

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VI. Amendment

The Library Board of Trustees reserves the right to amend this Internet Use Policy at any time.

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