

## CHATHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Internet Use Policy

1. In keeping with its mission to serve the lifelong learning need of patrons, The Chatham Public Library offers Internet access.

The Internet is a global electronic network that significantly enhances the materials available at the Library. It offers access to many valuable local, national and international sources of information. However, please note not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete or current information. In addition, the Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet. Library patrons use the Internet at their own discretion and are expected to use the resource in an appropriate and lawful manner.

2. Internet Use by Minors

The Library filters all Internet access. This filter blocks those sites that violate the Federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). However, while filtering may restrict access to sites which could be deemed objectionable, it may also limit access to sites which have legitimate research value. No filtering system is completely effective, so parents or legal guardians must assume responsibility for deciding what library resources are appropriate for their own children. **Parents cannot expect that staff will be available to act in the place of a parent or legal guardian to supervise or restrict materials a child or young adult may legally access on the Internet.**

3. Wireless Internet Access

The Chatham Public Library provides free filtered wireless access to the Internet. Wireless users must agree to abide by the Library's Rules of Conduct and the Library's Internet and Computer Use Policy.

It is the Library's goal to provide wireless access during normal library operating hours. However, high demand, reliability of technology and other factors may affect the delivery of the service. For these reasons the Library cannot guarantee the availability or reliability of the service.

Communication over a wireless network is not secure. The Chatham Public Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of your equipment or data while using the wireless network. The Library highly recommends that all laptops or wireless devices have up-to-date anti-virus software, spyware protection, and a personal firewall installed while utilizing the Library's wireless network.

## Security Disclaimer

Users should be aware that the Internet is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding users' activities. Ultimate responsibility for resolution of problems related to the invasion of the user's privacy or loss of data rests with the user.

The Library assumes no liability for loss or damage to the user's data or for any damage or injury arising from invasion of the user's privacy. The Library will not release information on the use of specific Internet resources by members of the public except as required by law.

Cross ref:     Free Access to Libraries by Minors  
                  An Interpretation of the ALA Library Bill of Rights  
                  Freedom to Read  
                  Freedom to View  
                  Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

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