



## Boyden Library Internet Use Policy

The Boyden Library provides Internet access to all library patrons under the following guidelines established by the Library Board of Trustees.

### User Responsibilities:

- All patrons using the Internet must do so in a responsible manner. This includes the following:
  - Not seeking unauthorized access to any computer system
  - Not sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics which may reasonably be considered obscene or considered harmful to minors as defined in MGL 272, Section 31
  - Not using the Internet for unauthorized, illegal, or unethical purposes
  - Not making unauthorized changes to the setup or configuration of any software or hardware; or damaging or altering software components of any network or database
    - Respecting the privacy of others by not misrepresenting oneself as another user; and by not attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others
    - Not reproducing copyright protected materials

### Internet Computer Use:

Access to the Library's Internet computers are available to all library patrons. The Children's Room Internet computers are filtered and reserved for use by children ages 12 and under. Patrons ages 13+ may use the Internet computers located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor near the Reference desk.

Two users are permitted at one time on any individual computer.

Adult patrons may use up to 75 minutes of Internet computer time each day. Children may register for 30 minutes or 60 minute sessions. Additional computer time may be authorized by library staff.

Reservations for computer time may be made by telephone or in person; walk-in use is also permitted.

All computer sessions end 15 minutes before closing.

Information cannot be saved to Internet computer hard drives. Patrons may use their USB flash storage device to save their information.

Users, or parents/guardians in the case of minors, are responsible for any damage to hardware/software and will be liable for repair/replacement costs. **Please do not attempt to fix a problem yourself.**

Wireless Internet Access is available to patrons. **See our Wireless Policy for more information.**

Neither the Boyden Library Board of Trustees, nor the Boyden Library staff, nor the Town of Foxborough is liable for any negative consequences that may occur as a result of using the library's Internet connection.

Computers are not for proprietary business purposes. The library reserves the right to terminate the privileges of anyone who does not act in a responsible manner. Such termination may be appealed to the Board of Trustees.

Patrons are prohibited from accessing materials which may be prohibited by State or Federal Law. Patrons attempting to access prohibited sites will be told by Library Staff to cease.

Patrons may not use the Library's Internet service for any illegal activity, including use of Library computers for hacking.

Patrons accessing blatantly offensive visual or text-based materials which constitute potential sources of sexual harassment to other patrons or Library Staff will be told to cease.

Library Staff is not available to provide Internet instruction beyond routine assistance in finding resources. The Library may, from time to time, offer classes for intensive Internet instruction.

Patrons may not bring in outside software to use on Library computers and the Library may require patrons to use anti-virus software to clean files.

Patrons violating the above rules may have their Internet access terminated. Library Staff are authorized to take prompt and appropriate actions to enforce the Public Internet Use Policy.

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