

The global electronic community, commonly referred to as the "Information Superhighway" or the "Internet," is a very valuable resource for information and education. The Internet (including, but not limited to, Internet sites, pages, files, e-mail, on-line services, and bulletin board systems) provides access to a vast array of resources that can be used to support the resources, materials and services of the Library District by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

While the Library District offers links to a wide range of useful and interesting sites through its home page, parents/guardians are advised that all Internet sites remain available, including those that may contain controversial or offensive material. Due to the nature of networked communications, it is impractical for the Library District to exclude access to any networked information source. The Board of Library Trustees believes, however, that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that Internet users may come across material that is inconsistent with the goals of the Library District. The responsibility for what is viewed and read is that of the individual Library patron, or, in the case of minors, the responsibility of the parents or guardians of the minor. The Library District does not monitor and has no control over the Information accessed through the Internet, and is not responsible for the application of any information acquired by using the Internet.

The District will not take precautions to prevent access to materials that may be defamatory, inaccurate, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate for younger patrons. On an unregulated network, it is impossible to control all material and a user may discover inappropriate material. This material does not simply appear, but rather is sought by the child. Ultimately, parents are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their child should follow. To that end, the Library District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to authorize Internet access.

All use of the Internet shall be consistent with the Library District's goal of supporting the intellectual, educational, social, cultural and recreational needs of its patrons by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. The failure of any user to follow the library's procedures may result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.