

## **INTERNET USE POLICY**

The Cold Spring Harbor Library in keeping with its goal of providing the best possible traditional and innovative library services makes available to the public a variety of information resources including the Internet. The Library accesses the Internet through SuffolkWeb, which is a cooperative project developed by the libraries in Suffolk County. The Internet connects patrons to many reliable sources of information. However, format, content and sources are subject to change without notice. Some information on the Internet may be inaccurate, incomplete, dated or offensive to some individuals. A patron must be prepared to evaluate any information found. The Cold Spring Harbor Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from use of its connection to Internet resources.

Use of the Library's internet for illegal purposes is prohibited. In addition, the following activities are also prohibited:

- Making threats or bullying
- Expressing bigotry, racism or hate
- Viewing obscene or sexually explicit material
- Unlawful use of material protected by trade secrets
- Unlawful use of copyrighted material
- Harassing or interfering with the work of other users

The library user is always responsible for the appropriate use of the internet.

The Internet is a valuable information resource that benefits all library users and expands the scope and usefulness of the public library well beyond its walls. Please be aware that the Internet also provides access to material that some users may consider inappropriate. It is the responsibility of every parent or guardian to supervise and oversee their child's use of Internet resources while at the Library.

The following rules apply to use of the Internet connection at the Library:

- 1) Users are subject to Local, State and Federal laws.
- 2) Library users are assumed to have some degree of computer literacy. Librarians may offer assistance but are not available for one on one instruction.
- 3) If library users enter a fee-based website service, any charges incurred are their responsibility.
- 4) Seeking unauthorized access to any internal or external computerized systems and damaging or changing any software configurations are strictly prohibited.
- 5) The Cold Spring Harbor Library will not be responsible for any harm a patron suffers including the loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mistaken deliveries, or service interruptions.
- 6) Failure to comply with this Internet Use Policy will result in termination of Internet privileges.

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