

# **YARMOUTH TOWN LIBRARIES**

## **INTERNET USE POLICY**

The Internet is a worldwide information system with a highly diverse user population and library users use it at their own discretion and risk. The Yarmouth Town Libraries do not monitor and have no control over the information accessed through the internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. It is the libraries' policy that parents or legal guardians assume responsibility for deciding what library resources are appropriate for their children.

Any action that improperly restricts or inhibits other library users from accessing and enjoying the Internet or other library resources is strictly prohibited. Exposing other individuals, particularly children, to materials or images which may be unsuitable or objectionable, such as abusive, obscene, violent, sexually oriented, racially offensive or illegal materials may result in the loss of computer privileges.

Individuals who lose computer privileges have a right to appeal their situation with the Library Board.

### **Guidelines**

- The Internet is available from all public workstations.
- Use of public computers is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Library public computers are managed by a third-party organization, and are programmed to provide 1 hour of use to each user. A 5 minute warning appears on the screen before the computers automatically log off.
- Children under 14 must have parent or legal guardian's permission to access the Internet.
- There is a charge of 15 cents per page for black and white printouts and \$1.00 per page for color printouts. Please pay at the front desk.
- Failure to use a computer appropriately and responsibly may result in revocation of computer privileges. First and second offenses result in a warning, and the third offense results in a suspension/loss of privileges.
- Be sure to save your work frequently. Sometimes wireless communications fail and computers can be affected during a power outage. After each computer session, your saved documents are automatically deleted from the system. Please save your work by other methods.

- Use of the libraries' public computers for illegal activities may result in prosecution. Illegal activities include, but are not limited to:
  - Any violation of local, state, or federal law.
  - Unauthorized copying of copyrighted materials (Title 17 of the U.S. Code).
  - Any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware or software.