

INTERNET AND PUBLIC COMPUTER USE LIBRARY POLICY

Kitsap Regional Library is committed to its role in serving the information and lifelong learning needs of all of the citizens of Kitsap County. Providing access to the Internet enables the Library to greatly expand its information services. Internet access allows the opportunity to integrate electronic resources from information networks around the world with the Library's other resources. The Library's goal in providing Internet access is to enhance its existing collection in size and depth and, as a public access agency, to give anyone who wishes to use the Internet the chance to do so.

The Internet offers access to a wealth of information that is personally, professionally, and culturally enriching. Kitsap Regional Library's website includes links to resources on the Internet that are consistent with the Library's Collection Development Policy. However, patrons must be aware that they can also access ideas, information, images, and commentary on the Internet that do not meet the Library's selection criteria.

Not all the information available on the Internet is accurate, current and/or complete. Patrons are encouraged to exercise critical judgment in evaluating the appropriateness and validity of information accessed via the Internet. The Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from its connections to the Internet. Kitsap Regional Library Internet patrons are prohibited from viewing, printing and downloading any material defined as illegal, e.g., child pornography or obscene by local, state and federal statutes.

Kitsap Regional Library specifically prohibits the following:

- Engaging in any activity that facilitates sending, receiving or displaying inappropriate materials to a minor.
- Activities that disrupt the library and/or its network.
- Loading or downloading software from the Internet or using personal software programs on the library's computers.
- Making any attempt to modify, gain access to files, passwords or data belonging to others, seeking unauthorized access to the library's or any other computer system or damaging or altering software components of any network or database.
- Violation of federal, state and local laws.