

HEMET PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET USE AGREEMENT AND PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION

The Hemet Public Library provides public access to the Internet in keeping with its mission to provide materials and services necessary for self-education, informed decision making, and recreational needs to the many diverse segments of the community in all appropriate formats.

It is important to realize that the Internet is an unregulated medium. While it offers access to a wealth of local, national, and international information that is enriching to individuals of various ages, it also enables access to some material that may be considered offensive, controversial or disturbing. Also, as with printed sources, not all information on the Internet is accurate, complete or current. The Library does not control or monitor material that can be accessed through the Internet. Individual users must accept responsibility for their own selection of sites and information on the Internet.

It is the responsibility and right of parents to guide and supervise their children's use of Library materials and resources, including the Internet, in ways consistent with their personal values. The Library staff will make Internet resources accessible to all patrons, but cannot be held responsible for its contents and will not assume the parental role in supervising the use of these resources.

Anyone with a current Hemet Public Library card, in good standing, may use the Internet access after he/she has signed the Library's Internet Use Agreement. Children under the age of 12 may use the Internet if accompanied by an adult. A young adult between 12 and 18 may use the Internet without adult supervision once the parent or guardian has signed the Internet agreement. Anyone over 18 may use the Internet Express access service after providing appropriate identification. In keeping with its educational mission, Hemet Public Library reserves Internet stations in the Children's area and Homework Center for use by youth!

In order to make Internet access available to as many people as possible, time limits and reservation policies will be set by the Library Board and will be posted along with the Internet Use Policy.

- Internet workstations are limited to two people: Both must be registered Internet users.
- A charge of ten cents a page will be made for printing.
- Material found on the Internet may be downloaded to a user-supplied disk. The Library is not responsible for any user's disk or computer or any loss of data, damage or liability that may occur from a user's use of Library computers.
- Users may not bypass the security of the network. Altering the configuration or damaging the equipment used to access the Internet will result in loss of Library privileges.
- Only web-based e-mail is allowed.
- Attaching personal hardware, loading software and up-loading are prohibited.
- Computing resources may not be used for illegal purposes. Illegal uses include, but are not limited to the following: harassment of others, libeling or slandering other users, destruction of or damage to equipment or software or data belonging to the Library or other users, and disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications.
- U.S. Copyright law prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials without the explicit permission of the copyright holder. The Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from such use.
- Use of chat groups other than monitored and web-based chat forums is prohibited.
- Library computer workstations may not be used to view sexually explicit material that appeals to the prurient interest.
- The Library cannot guarantee privacy or confidentiality for Internet transactions.
- Prior to library closing, staff will announce the turn-off time of all computers and printers. All printing must be completed by this time.
- All costs for legal action to enforce these policies or to replace intentionally damaged equipment shall be borne by the individual violator of these policies.
- IF THE PATRON IS A MINOR the parent or legal guardian must acknowledge by signing this agreement that they have read and understand Hemet Public Library's Internet use agreement. They accept the terms and rules set forth therein for themselves and the minor. They further acknowledge the Hemet Public Library is not responsible for monitoring access to the Internet by the minor. In consideration for the use of the computer equipment and Internet access systems provided by the Hemet Public Library, I hereby waive, release and indemnify Hemet Public Library, the City of Hemet, and their employees, trustees, officers and agents from any liability of claim that might otherwise be asserted arising from the use of or access to the internet by myself or the minor.

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