

### **111.1.1 Internet Policy** *[Approved May 20, 2008]*

1. The King Township Public Library Board views the Internet as a dynamic and vital venue for global communication, information dissemination and educational enhancement - an integral part of a modern library, and is an extension of our material collections for Library patrons.
2. The Internet offers access to information, ideas, commentary and images which range from accurate, complete and reliable to offensive, controversial and/or illegal. The Library does not guarantee the accuracy of any information obtained through the Internet.
3. The Board upholds the philosophy of individual intellectual freedom. The Library assumes responsibility for the information provided on the Library's website. Staff have chosen to link to websites that fall within the broad guidelines of the Library's collection development policy. While the staff does not censor the Internet or have control over the information accessed thereon, they do, however, take reasonable care within the parameters of the Public Libraries Act to advise on suitable sites for information. Staff will be alert to the possibility of illegal or prohibited activity (see paragraph 8) and will advise the CEO, who will take necessary action identified in paragraph 9, 13 and 14. The Board will promptly address any patron complaints.
4. Patrons must sign the Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines to use the Internet, and must sign in at a public service desk.
5. The Library supports the right and responsibility of parents or legal guardians to determine and monitor their children's use of Library materials and resources and it is Library policy that parent and/or legal guardians have the sole power and responsibility to monitor and restrict their children's use of the Internet. There will be some items which may be controversial or inappropriate for a patron and especially for their children. The Library does not restrict the access by children to any information, resource and facilities in the Library, unless proscribed by law and in accordance with this policy. Parents are therefore strongly encouraged to supervise their child's Internet sessions, and to inform the child if there are resources they don't want the child to access.
6. The Library assumes no responsibility for any direct or indirect damages arising from the use of its connection to Internet services.
7. The Library is not responsible for any expenses incurred by or the potential repercussions of a third party using personal/banking/credit card information that has been entered on a Library computer terminal.

8. Use of Library services for illegal, actionable or criminal purposes is prohibited. Prohibited activities are listed below but are not limited to:
  - child pornography;
  - obscenity;
  - hate literature;
  - luring (an adult trying to persuade a child to meet in the real world);
  - dangerous and/or illegal activities such as bomb making, terrorism or unlicensed weapons trade;
  - physical threats;
  - hate crimes;
  - infringement of copyright or other intellectual property rights;
  - accessing confidential or protected data without the express authorization of the owner;
  - logging onto a computer system to which you are not authorized;
  - use of packet sniffers, network probing tools, cracking tools or port scanners or any similar tools;
  - use of personal software programmes;
  - installing or attempting to install viruses or other programs designed to damage software on the workstations, the local area network or the Internet, or seeking unauthorized access to any computer system;
  - forging any part of the TCP/IP packet header or any part of the header information;
  - sending any unsolicited commercial material or spamming;
  - using Library resources to interfere with computer networking or telecommunications services of any other user, host or network;
  - misrepresenting oneself as another user;
  - attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords or data belonging to another identity;
  - vandalism or theft of Library property.
9. The CEO/Chief Librarian will as required, report any perceived infractions to the police.
10. Be aware that workstations are in public areas shared by people of all ages and sensibilities. Privacy cannot be guaranteed. Each user is ultimately responsible for the election of sites and should be aware that other Library users may be inadvertently exposed to what is displayed.
11. Patrons should respect the privacy of others using public access workstations.
12. The Library reserves the right to develop service guidelines that will be revised as necessary.
13. A patron's use of the Library's Internet service is conditional on acceptance of this policy established by the King Township Public Library Board.
14. Failure to comply with this policy will result in loss of Internet privileges and/or expulsion from the Library.