

INTERNET AND COMPUTER POLICY

- A. The Ocean Shores Library offers computer and Internet access to its patrons as part of its mission to provide resources, both print and nonprint, to satisfy the cultural, education, informational and recreational needs of the North Beach community and visitors.**
- B. Library computers must be used in a responsible manner, respecting the rights of others, and taking care with the use of the equipment.**
- C. Computer settings may not be changed.**
- D. Intentional propagation of computer viruses is prohibited.**
- E. You may not use your own computer programs on any library computer and you may not save files to the hard drive.**
- F. Library computers cannot be used for any fraudulent, deceptive, or unlawful purpose, including any activities prohibited under any applicable federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations. Computer resources may not be used for knowingly viewing, printing, downloading or exhibiting of obscene materials in violation of these laws, rules or regulations.**
- G. It is not possible to apply to the Internet the same selection criteria that are used for other materials added to the library's collection. The Ocean Shores Library cannot monitor the Internet, has no control over the information viewed and assumes no responsibility or liability for Internet content.**
- H. As with other library materials, parents or legal guardians are solely responsible for their minor children's use of the Internet.**
- I. Computers in the Children's area and the Young Adult area are filtered. These filters may not be disengaged.**
- J. The Ocean Shores Library offers free wireless Internet access to patrons as a public service. To access the wireless connection, patrons must have current anti-virus protection on their laptop computers. Library**

staff does not provide technical assistance for connecting to the wireless network. Computer hardware/software varies; patrons are responsible for knowing how to configure settings on their computers. If patrons need assistance, they may need to contact their hardware or software manufacturers. There are no time limits on wireless Internet access, but seating within the Library may be limited.

- K. The City of Ocean Shores is required to provide an environment free from sexual harassment. Do not publicly display on screens and/or printers materials that reasonably may be considered obscene or highly objectionable by others. A privacy screen is available upon request.**
- L. Library computers are in public spaces and the Library cannot guarantee privacy in the use of its computers. A privacy screen is available upon request.**
- M. Be aware that material on the Internet and the World Wide Web may be copyrighted. It is your responsibility to be aware of and respect copyrighted material.**
- N. The Director of the Library formulates and posts specific guidelines for reserving and using Library computers.**
- O. Violation of this Internet Policy may result in suspension of Library privileges.**

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