

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The purpose of this system is to provide free open access to the Internet and to attendant electronic services such as e-mail and selected information sources. The following guidelines are presented in order to facilitate open access with as few limitations as possible.

1. Registered library patrons (in good standing) may apply for an Internet account through their public library. Patrons must comply with the policies of their home library.
2. Any use of this service for unlawful purposes is prohibited.
3. Copying commercial software is in violation of copyright law.
4. Using this service to harass other users or to interfere with their work is prohibited.
5. As this is a free service with limited capacity, please be courteous of other users and observe the following boundaries:
 - a. Limit your use during peak hours (8a.m. – midnight) to one hour.
 - b. Delete e-mail promptly.
 - c. Keep your directory clean. Download and delete files regularly.
 - d. Log off the system before editing and printing downloaded files.
6. The person in whose name the account and password was issued is responsible at all times for its proper use.
7. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt system performance is prohibited.
8. Any user's traffic that crosses another network may be subject to that network's Acceptable Use Policy.

Please be aware that with access to computers all over the world also comes the availability of material that may be considered 'inappropriate' for some users. Parents who are concerned about their children's use of electronic resources should provide guidance to their own children. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure information that is not consistent with the education and research goals of this project.

The system administrator reserves the right to:

1. Remove the account of any user who does not follow the Acceptable Use Policy.
2. Remove any account which has not been used in six months.
3. Remove the account of any user who does not remain in good standing in his/her home library.
4. Notify any user that he/she is using a disproportionate share of the disk space and that he/she needs to download/delete files.
5. Delete files from any user's account if that user, once notified, has not cleaned his/her directory within one week.

The Public Libraries in Suffolk County and the Suffolk Cooperative Library System exercise no control over the content of the information passing through this system or any responsibility for the content, accuracy or quality of information obtained. Use of any information obtained is at your own risk. The participants in this system will not be responsible for any damage you suffer, including loss of data resulting for delays non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions.