

SPRINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Policies and Procedures

COMPUTER USE POLICY

Affects: All Functions	Effective Date: Oct. 21, 2001	Review Date: Rev. May 19, 2004	Number
Signature: Name: Title: Board President			

A. Purpose

The Library provides numerous computer workstations for public use. Most are connected to the Internet but some are available only for word-processing type activities or children's educational games.

B. Policy

Internet Access

The Springdale Public Library makes the Internet available as part of its continuing effort to provide access to a broad range of information resources.

In support of libraries as a forum for information and ideas, the Library has adopted the [*Library Bill of Rights*](#), the [*Freedom to Read Statement*](#), and the [*Freedom to View Statement*](#) formulated by the American Library Association. Copies of these statements are available at the reference desk.

The Internet offers access to a wealth of material that is personally, professionally, and culturally enriching to individuals of all ages. The Internet is a vast information resource that may also offer access to dated or inaccurate information as well as information of a potentially offensive or controversial nature. The Library cannot monitor or control information accessed via the Internet. Library users are responsible for the results of their Internet searches and for verifying the accuracy of the information that is used.

Internet workstations in the adult area, including the workstations for young adults, are for research only.

The Library adheres to state law pertaining to obscenity as set forth in Arkansas Code **5-68-205. Public display of obscenity.** And, **5-68-302. Definitions.** (of obscenity). And, **5-68-501. Definitions.** (of harmful to minors). And, **Act 912 of 2001.** And, **Act 1533 of 2001.** (Attached). And, the **Children's Internet Protection Act.** (Copy available at the reference desk)

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Minors and the Internet

The Internet may contain material that is inappropriate for viewing by children. The Library Staff does not have the right or responsibility to monitor and/or supervise children's use of the Internet. As with other library materials, parents and guardians are responsible for their children's – and only their children's – use of the Internet.

The Library provides filtered Internet access in the children's area and the young adult's area. Minors must use a filtered computer unless accompanied by a legal guardian. The filtering software installed on these computers restricts access to potentially offensive material. No filtering software, however, can restrict access to all sites a person might consider objectionable. The Library encourages parents to monitor and supervise their children's Internet use. For more information on children and the Internet, refer to [*Child Safety on the Information Highway*](#) by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Copies of this publication are available at the reference desk.

C. Applicability

Guidelines for Use

The Staff of the Springdale Public Library shall develop rules and procedures as necessary to ensure the fair and reasonable use of electronic resources. These procedures appear in a separate document titled *Guidelines for Computer Use*. Copies are available at the reference desk and posted throughout the Library. All users must abide by the conditions and terms of these guidelines. Failure to do so will result in suspension and/or loss of Library privileges.

D. Responsibility

Responsibility is with the Library Director

E. Appendices

[*Library Bill of Rights*](#)

[*Freedom to Read Statement*](#)

[*Freedom to View Statement*](#)

[*Child Safety on the Information Highway*](#)

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