

**SPRINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Policies and Procedures**

**COMPUTER USE POLICY**

<b>Affects:</b> All Functions	<b>Effective Date:</b> Oct. 21, 2001 R: Oct. 9, 2012	<b>Review Date:</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>Signature:</b> <b>Name:</b> <b>Title:</b> 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 access to the online catalog 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. Because the Internet provides easy access to a vast array of resources, the Library cannot vouch for the accuracy, authority, timeliness, or usefulness of all the information found on it. The Library offers a home page with recommended sites selected by librarians using standard evaluation criteria for electronic sources. Library users are responsible for the results of their Internet searches and for verifying the accuracy of the information that is used.

In providing access to the Internet, the Springdale Public 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, **13-2-103 Library computer use -- Policy -- Signed agreement form required.** And, the **Children’s Internet Protection Act.**

## **Minors and the Internet**

The Internet may contain material that is inappropriate for viewing by children. Supervision of a child's access to the Internet is ultimately the responsibility of the parent or the guardian. The Library Staff does not have the right or responsibility to act on the behalf of the parent or guardian. 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 filters Internet access for minors and adults. 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 [Keeping Kids Safer on the Internet: Tips for Parents and Guardians](#) 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](#)

[Keeping Kids Safer on the Internet](#)

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