

## INTERNET POLICY

The Bethlehem Library offers internet access in its role as a public provider of information, endeavoring to develop collections, resources and services that meet the cultural, informational and recreational needs of the community. Public access computers are available as a community service. No library card or other form of identification is required to use the computers.

The library adheres to the American library Association policy of support for the right of all individuals to select library materials, including those in electronic format, for themselves.

Because the internet is a vast, unregulated and constantly changing resource, the library cannot assume any responsibility for its accuracy, content, completeness of information, or age appropriateness of materials. Although it is a powerful tool for finding information, it should not be a substitute for, but an adjunct to, other library research materials. Patrons are encouraged to use critical judgment in evaluating the validity of materials accessed via the internet.

Neither the library staff, the Board of Trustees, nor the Town of Bethlehem is liable for any negative consequences or any damages, direct or indirect, that may occur as a result of using its connection to the internet.

Parents of minor children must assume full responsibility for their children's use of the internet via the library connection. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian while using the internet. Those between 16 and 18 must have a signed parental permission form on file at the library in order to access the internet. Staff reserve the right to deny access to anyone whose computer skills are inadequate, whose use is deemed inappropriate, or whose behavior while at the workstation is inappropriate.

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