

## **MIDLOTHIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET USE POLICY**

Use of the Midlothian Public Library's Internet computers provides patrons with access to the vast amount of information available through the global network. We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available to the patron far outweighs the possibility that users may access material that is inconsistent with the goals of the library.

### **ACCURACY OF INFORMATION**

The library does not monitor—and has no control over—the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content or accuracy. Therefore, library users must keep in mind the following points when using the Internet and evaluating information obtained through its use:

- Information obtained from the Internet may not be accurate or from a reliable source;
- Information obtained through the Internet may not be current;
- Certain information obtained from the Internet may be considered offensive or controversial by some library patrons.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Internet access is available to library cardholders in good standing. Use of the public Internet access computers is free to Midlothian library cardholders. Nonresident guests will be charged a fee of \$2.00 per hour (assessed in one-hour increments.)

### **ACCESS**

There are no age restrictions for use of the Internet at the library. However, parents or guardians must accept responsibility for their children's use of the Internet and must countersign the Internet User Agreement for children less than 18 years of age. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian while at the station. Parents with small children may use the computer with the understanding that the child will be under direct supervision while at the station. Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss issues of appropriate and safe use of the Internet with their children, and monitor and supervise their use of the Internet.

The library does not provide email accounts as a part of its Internet service.

### **STAFF ASSISTANCE**

Limited assistance is available on use of the Internet. Periodically, the library provides classes on Internet searching. A schedule of such classes is available upon request.

### **USER AGREEMENT**

Patrons wishing to log on to the Internet at the Midlothian Public Library must agree to the **RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC USE OF THE INTERNET AND OTHER ELECTRONIC RESOURCES**, which is considered to be a part of this **INTERNET USE POLICY**. Clicking on the "Accept" button indicates that the patron has read the terms and conditions of this policy and understands its significance. These regulations may change without notice.

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**PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INTERNET USE POLICY**

The Midlothian Public Library's Internet Use Policy is part of the library's overall policy structure and should be interpreted in conjunction with other existing policies. Copies of all library policies are available upon request.