

SEEKONK PUBLIC LIBRARY

INTERNET USE AND SAFETY POLICY

The Mission of the Seekonk Public Library is to serve the information needs of the people of Seekonk in an environment that promotes a cultural and civic center for the community.

---Seekonk Public Library Mission Statement

To fulfill its mission, the Seekonk Public Library provides information access via electronic resources to meet the informational, educational, recreational and cultural needs of the community. One of those resources is the Internet.

All patrons using the Internet must do so in a responsible manner. This includes:

- Accessing resources only for educational, cultural, recreational and informational purposes.
- Not seeking unauthorized access to any computer system.
- Not displaying text or graphics which may be considered obscene as defined in MGL 272 § 31.
- Not using the Internet for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes.
- Not reproducing copyright protected materials.

The Internet is a vast information repository with no governance. The Seekonk Public Library cannot be held responsible for any information found on the Internet. Patrons must use their own judgment as to the accuracy and currency of each site.

The library assumes no responsibility for the use of the Internet by children under 18 years of age. Restriction of a child's access to the Internet is solely the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

The Board of Library Trustees authorizes the library director to establish and enforce all rules and procedures needed to implement the above policy statement.

Statement of Confidentiality

The Seekonk Public Library considers the individual record of a patron's computer use to be highly confidential information and treats this information as such. The library does, however, gather statistical information from an individual's record for the purposes of developing services and selecting software.