

## 1      **Web Links Policy**

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3            The Mission of the Seekonk Public Library is to serve the information needs of the  
4      people of Seekonk in an environment that promotes a cultural and civic center for the  
5      community. The Seekonk Public Library maintains an active presence on the Internet as part  
6      of its effort to fulfill this mission. The Seekonk Public Library will provide links from its  
7      Internet sites to other to external sites that are judged to compliment its mission.

8            Library staff recommends external Internet links, including government, non-profit and  
9      commercial websites, which feature reliable sources and provide valuable content. Unless  
10     explicitly stated, links to external Internet sites do not constitute an endorsement of that site  
11     and/or of its producer(s) or sponsor(s).

12          The Library assumes no responsibility for the content or accuracy of sites not maintained by  
13     the Seekonk Public Library. Visitors to these sites are solely responsible for the  
14     consequences of their using, applying or disseminating information obtained from these sites.  
15     Since the content of Internet sites may change or disappear entirely without notice, the library  
16     encourages visitors to report to any link that no longer functions or appears to be inconsistent  
17     with the criteria established in this policy.

18          Visitors are advised to check the privacy statements on each site and to be cautious about  
19     providing identifiable information without a clear understanding of how the information will  
20     be used. Visitors to sites linked to the library's site are solely responsible for the  
21     consequences of their sharing personal information over the Internet.

22          Library users may suggest or request links to external websites, but inclusion and placement  
23     of all external links will be at the sole discretion of the Library Director. To be selected,  
24     prospective Internet sites and/or links should meet the following criteria:

1 • The scope of the site’s content is clearly stated, supports the Library’s mission and  
2 values, and is deemed to be of interest to our customers.

3 • The site’s owner or sponsor is easily identifiable, and contact information is provided

4 • The site does not charge fees to access information obtainable through the site.

5 Requests for links to web pages that feature time sensitive information, such as  
6 announcements and/or surveys, should allow sufficient time, 7-10 days for reviewing and  
7 posting.

8 The Library’s website does not support commercial advertising; however in order to show  
9 appreciation for donor support, the Library may recognize support of its mission related  
10 activities in its website in the form of a logo, link and/or brief statement that consists of  
11 acknowledgement of a gift from, grant and/or sponsorship by, the donor. Acknowledgements  
12 must be consistent in placement, size and style with the relative web page content and shall  
13 appear only on web pages that pertain to the contribution.

14 The Board of Library Trustees authorizes the Library Director to establish and enforce all  
15 reasonable rules and procedures needed to implement this policy.

16 References : Library Policy on External Links to the Website, Tompkins County Public  
17 Library, <http://www.tcpl.org>.

18 Adopted: 11/19/2008. Amended: 6/20/2011.