

Public Access Internet Policy – Approved 1/21/2011

A. Introduction

The East Hampton Library recognizes the need for global information exchange and the need to expand access to information for the public. Therefore, the East Hampton Library will provide the public with Internet access via computers in the library. The following Operating Guidelines have been established to make your use of library networked services and electronic communications positive and secure.

B. Use of Service

1. The Internet is a global network of interconnected computers with no central authority overseeing it 's contents. Therefore, the East Hampton Library is not responsible for the content, reliability, accuracy and timeliness of information found on the Internet.
2. The Library expects that the service will be used for legitimate educational or information needs and that the Users will refrain from displaying obscene materials.
3. The Library has installed a filter to help block access to pornographic sites on the Internet. It is the responsibility of the parent to provide oversight to ensure their children's use of the Internet in an appropriate and safe manner, including the proper use of expensive equipment.
4. Users may access E-mail through the SuffolkNet mail server or through world wide web services such as Gmail, hotmail and Yahoo mail.
5. The first 5 pages printed per day per patron will be free. All additional pages printed will cost 20 cents per page.
6. Registration and time limits may be required based on public use and demand.
7. In-Library Users will not use the Internet to solicit any activity which is in violation of the law or the East Hampton Library Policy.
8. Downloading of materials is the responsibility of the User and should comply with the United States Copyright law and all other applicable laws. All files downloaded onto library computers are deleted when the computers are shutdown.
9. The Internet workstations will use www.easthamptonlibrary.org as its homepage. Patrons will be able to view the World Wide Web with a graphical browser.

C. Security and Hacking

It is prohibited to use the Internet workstation for hacking (breaking into or out of any system) or spreading viruses and or any other unlawful purpose which interferes with the use of this service.

D. Termination of Access

The East Hampton Library reserves the right to suspend or terminate your access to the Internet without prior notice at anytime for any reason. Destruction or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the library will be dealt with in an appropriate manner.