

RULES OF USE (continued)

- Patrons must finish their work and log off 15 minutes before the Library closes.
- During peak service periods, please cooperate with staff who will ask you to limit search time to no more than one hour.
- Please DO NOT attempt to access obscene materials. If you do, you may lose Library privileges.
- If no computers are available, check with Library Staff.
- Please DO NOT use any software program other than those installed by the Library.
- Computer workstations are designed for use by one person at a time.
- Computers in the Children's area are for use by children ages 12 and under.
- For assistance, please ask a Librarian.

THE LIBRARY DOES NOT PERMIT

- Conducting for-profit business on the Library's Internet computers.
- Political lobbying.
- Violation of any Federal, State or Local Law or Regulation including, but not restricted to, copyright infringement and acts of a threatening, harassing or obscene nature.

WARNING: Abuse of the equipment or the acceptable use policy may result in the loss of Library privileges.

TIPS FOR PARENTS ON INTERNET USE

Here are some suggestions to ensure your child has a safe and enriching experience with the Internet.

- Make time to learn about the Internet and how it works. Every computer has child safe search engines that will lead children to safe, positive sites. It's important that parents learn about this important medium so they can teach their children how to use it effectively. The Library offers classes that teach parents what they need to know about the Internet in order to help guide their children.
- Set rules. We don't let children play in the streets. Neither should we let them play unsupervised on the Internet. There are many common sense tips that can ensure children have a positive experience online. *For example: children should be taught not to give their names to strangers online as well as off, and not agree to meet someone they met online without a parent or guardian present.*
- Teach your children values and guidelines to use in selecting what they read and view. Not every web site is right for every child anymore than every book in the Library is for every person. It's up to parents to let their children know what subjects and web sites are off limits and explain why. Parents should not let their children surf the Web alone unless they have first set rules for them.
- Encourage your child to ask the Librarian for help when seeking information on the Internet or anytime when at the Library.



The Internet @ Alhambra Public Library



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The Alhambra Public Library is dedicated to providing the community with a wide variety of information on all topics. In keeping with the mission and vision of the Library, free limited use of the Internet is available to all Library users.

The Library offers both unblocked and blocked access to the Internet. Full (unblocked, unfiltered) access is available to Adults **upon request**. Adults use the Internet at their own discretion, and the Library has no control over and is not responsible for the content on the Internet. Not all sites provide accurate, complete, or current information. Some access points carry information that a user might find controversial or inappropriate. We encourage our patrons to be sensitive to the fact that they are in a public setting.

Limited Internet access is available for minors on machines with commercially available blocking software that is intended to prevent access to visual materials of an obscene or sexually explicit nature that would be considered legally Harmful to Minors under the California Penal Code (Section 313.3). The Library cannot guarantee the effectiveness of the software in use, nor can the Library be responsible for any failure on the part of the software to block offensive or inappropriate materials. The Library is also not responsible for the inadvertent restriction of access

to desirable, necessary or appropriate information that may result from use of the blocking software.

With or without blocking software, children who use the Internet without parental guidance may encounter material that is beyond their maturity level or otherwise unsuitable. We strongly urge parents to discuss the use of the Internet with their children, to determine the most appropriate use of this medium.

Library patrons should have no expectation of privacy on the Library's Internet workstations. We cannot guarantee that every Library users' privacy will be completely protected. There will be occasions when some personal information may be accessed without authorization. We cannot control web sites outside of the Library network, where personal information could be stored. Many web sites collect this data to help with marketing and often sell the information to marketing firms. The Library has no control over these sites, and cannot ensure that they will delete all personal identifying information. There will be limits to the protection the Library can provide. All Library users need to be aware of this limitation, and should take due care in protecting themselves and their privacy.

All Library users are expected to strictly adhere to the Library's Internet Use Policy while using our computers and failure to do so can result in the suspension of Internet privileges.

If you have any further questions or concerns about the Internet Filter or the Library's Internet Policy, please feel free to contact Library Administration at (626) 570-5079.

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- To ensure courtesy and fair access, the Library may set and enforce behavior standards
- Usage is first come, first serve, with sign in required. Please sign in before using a workstation. Reservation of workstations in the Technology Center is not possible.
- The Library Internet PCs are free, self-guided machines. Limited instruction from Librarians is available as time permits. Librarians can point you to more resources, and will offer scheduled training classes, but can only provide basic assistance at individual workstations.
- Individuals are expected to use the Library's Internet PCs in a responsible and courteous manner
- The Library may limit the number of people using the computers, the number waiting nearby, or the amount of time per day an individual may use the Internet.
- Downloading to a floppy disk is permitted; blank, formatted disks are available at the Reference Desk for \$1.00. Save your work on a disk in the A drive. Printing is available for 15 cents per page (debit card required).
- Children through the eighth grade must have parental permission to use the Internet (see "Rules of the Road" handout in the Children's Room).
- The Library does not provide e-mail for users. Use of independent e-mail services, such as Hotmail or Yahoo Mail, are at the discretion of the user, and the user of the service is responsible for their own e-mail.