

NEWPORT BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET USE POLICY

The Internet and its available resources contain a wide variety of material and opinions from varied points of view. It is a global electronic network which enables the library to provide information to customers beyond the library's collection.

The library does not monitor and has no control over the information on the Internet. Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, or current information. You may need to question the validity of the information you find.

Materials obtained or copied on this computer network may be subject to copyright laws. Illegal activities or any other activities that are intended to interfere with or disrupt network users, services, or equipment are prohibited.

In offering Internet access, the library cannot control access points which often change rapidly and unpredictably. Library users access the Internet at their own discretion and the library is not responsible for any access points they reach. As with other library materials, parents and guardians of children, not the library, are responsible for their children's use of the Internet. While it is the responsibility of parents to establish rules for their children's use of the Internet, the NBPL has taken steps to assist parents in this task. The Library has installed on the children's computers a blocking service which prevents known violent or sexually explicit material from being accessed. This service has proven to be reliable in blocking inappropriate children's material from appearing on these computers. However, since some content providers deliberately attempt to thwart blocking programs and since some children seek to overcome such blocking, the NBPL does not guarantee that inappropriate material will not be accessed by children; appropriate use of the Internet must be the responsibility of parents. Parents are encouraged to read "*Keeping Kids Safer on the Internet: Tips for Parents and Guardians*" at http://www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/PageServlet?LanguageCountry=en_US&PageId=3601 and view the resources for parents and guardians at <http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents>.

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