

# Vose Library

## Computer and Internet Policy

**Purpose:** Our purpose is to provide access to information and research resources which complement, expand, and extend the traditional resources available in library-owned materials, and to improve access to such resources for all users of the library.

**Nature of the Internet:** Vose Library has no control of the Internet and its resources, and assumes no responsibility for the quality, accuracy, or currency of any Internet resource.

**Wireless Access:** Vose Library offers wireless network access to its Internet connection. Use of this connection is subject to the same restrictions and uses as the library's public computers, as detailed in this policy.

**Staff Assistance:** Library staff is available to provide limited assistance for basic start up procedures. Due to scheduling constraints, there may not be a computer-trained staff person available at the library at all times.

**Children:** As required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, and as with other library resources, parents or legal guardians are responsible for monitoring and restriction of a minor's access to the internet, and the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communication.

Children must demonstrate the ability to use a computer without assistance, or be accompanied by an adult.

**Access to Inappropriate Material:** To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be used to block or filter electronic access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

### User Responsibilities

- Sign in at the front desk in order to use library computers.
- Abide by 30 minute time limit when others are waiting.
- Pay for all printed copies (10 cents per page in black and white).
- Patrons may save to their own USB drives.
- The library is not responsible for damage to personal accounts, data, or equipment due to system malfunction or for any other reason.
- Do not install software or change the configuration of Library computers.
- The user is responsible for any damage caused to library computers.
- Privacy cannot be guaranteed; all computers are in public areas and must be used as such.

- The Library's electronic resources may be used only for purposes that are legal and conducive to a public environment.
- Copyright laws restrict duplication of copyrighted materials. Any copyright law infringement by the patron is solely his/her responsibility.

**Unacceptable Uses include but are not limited to:**

- Illegal or criminal activity, including hacking, spamming, disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications, or the sending, or receiving, printing, or displaying of child pornography.
- Harassment or bullying of others; unauthorized access to accounts of others; libel or slander of others; solicitation of minors, or unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.
- Viewing of sexually graphic and/or explicit materials.
- Violation of computer security or software license agreements.
- Destruction of or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the library or to others.

Failure to abide by the provisions of this policy will result in the loss of library privileges including, but not limited to, use of the Library computers. Illegal acts involving the public computers will be subject to prosecution by local, state, and federal authorities.

**Acceptance of Policy:** Signing in and/or use of Vose Library wireless or computers is considered de facto acceptance of these policies.

**Adoption:** This Computer and Internet Policy was adopted by the Board of Vose Library at a public meeting, following normal public notice, on October 13, 2014.