

AMITYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

INTERNET POLICY

The Amityville Public Library provides open access to the Internet and to attendant electronic services such as e-mail and selected information sources via a gateway specially developed for this purpose by the Suffolk Cooperative Library System. Internet access is considered a logical extension of traditional reference and informational services offered by the Library.

1. Any adult Amityville Public Library card holder in good standing, eighteen years of age or older, may apply for an Internet account. The applicant may be asked to show proof of age. Patrons under eighteen will be required to have parental permission to apply for an Internet account. Loss of library-card-holder-in-good-standing status will result in the cancellation of a patron's Internet account. Sample application form appended for illustrative purposes only. The library reserves the right to update, change or modify the form to best meet current procedure and policy.
2. Patrons who utilize this service should be aware that the Amityville Public Library has no control over this research tool and assumes no responsibility for its content, quality, accuracy, or currency. The Internet may contain materials of a controversial nature. It is the responsibility of parents to monitor their children's selections.
3. As this Internet service does not have unlimited capacity, please be courteous of other users and observe the following guidelines:
 - a. Limit use to one hour.
 - b. Delete e-mail promptly.
 - c. Keep your directory clean. Download and delete regularly.
 - d. Log-off the system before editing and printing downloaded files.
4. The person in whose name the account and password were issued is responsible at all times for the proper use of the account.
5. Any use of this service for unlawful purposes is prohibited. An example of an unlawful purpose as specified in the *New York State Penal Code, §245.11*, is the "public display of offensive sexual material...in any place accessible to members of the public without fee or other limit or condition of admission."
6. Any user's traffic which crosses another network may be subject to that network's acceptable use policy.
7. Attempts to degrade, disrupt or destroy system performance are prohibited.

8. Any use of this service to harass other users or interfere with their work is prohibited.
9. Copying commercial software is in violation of copyright law.

The Suffolk Cooperative Library System, acting administrator of the Internet project, reserves the right to:

1. Remove the account of any user who does not follow the acceptable use policy.
2. Remove any account which has not been used in six months.
3. Notify any user that they are using a disproportionate share of the disk space and that they need to download/delete files.
4. Delete files from any user's account if that user, once notified, has not cleaned their directory within one week.

The Amityville Public Library assumes no responsibility for any damage which may occur as a result of the use of this system. This may include, but is not limited to, loss of data resulting from delays, nondeliveries, or service interruptions, as well as damages resulting from unintended transfers or disclosures of user file information. Be aware that access to computers worldwide brings with it access to material which may be considered inappropriate for some users. It is up to the user to determine what is appropriate.

In addition to this Policy, the Amityville Public Library Public Access Computer Policy will be applicable to patrons accessing the Internet using Library computers.

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