Hillsdale Community Library
Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The Hillsdale Community Library provides access to the Internet in keeping with its role as a source of information, intellectual development, and enrichment for the community. The Internet allows users to connect to networks of resources outside the library walls and allows access to ideas, information and commentary from around the globe. As such, while it offers access to a wealth of material that is personally, professionally and culturally enriching to individuals of all ages, it also offers access to some materials that may be offensive or illegal. The Hillsdale Community Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. It is the responsibility of the library patrons to monitor their own use. Additionally, parents or guardians are responsible for Internet content selected and or accessed by their children. Anyone under 18 will not be allowed to use the library computers to access the Internet without a parent or guardian with them to monitor their use.

Guidelines for Responsible and Ethical Use

1. Patrons may use the library's computers to access systems, software and databases for educational, recreational and information purposes. Due to limited resources, Internet access is primarily for research and information gathering purposes.

2. Patrons must obey all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

3. Patrons should avoid any activities which might be disruptive to other library users.

4. Patrons are prohibited from damaging computer equipment, altering computer settings, or installing unapproved software.

5. Patrons must respect international copyright laws and honor software licensing agreements.

6. Patrons may not access, upload, download, or distribute pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material.

Conditions and Terms of Use
Individuals who wish to use the library's computers must sign the user log before and after using the computers. If the computers are all busy, the library reserves the right to limit use time to thirty minutes. The library staff also reserves to the right to ask anyone to leave who does not comply with this policy.