

PERTH EAST PUBLIC LIBRARY

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POLICY TITLE: INTERNET ACCESS POLICY

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Statement of Purpose

The Perth East Public Library regards the Internet in the same way as its other information resources in accordance with its mission of serving Perth East's needs for information, lifelong learning, and leisure pursuits. The PEPL also supports the Canadian Library Association's Position Statement on Internet Access (Appendix A)

1. As with more traditional resources, the Library does not act in place of or in the absence of a parent. The Library is not responsible for enforcing any restrictions which a parent or guardian may place on a minor's use of this resource.
2. The accuracy of the information obtained from the Internet is the responsibility of the producer/originator, not the Library. The Library cannot guarantee the quality of the information obtained through the Internet.
3. In addition to the general rules respecting use of the library, the Perth East Public Library Board prohibits the use of the Internet services it provides for any purpose which would contravene any statute or government regulation, or which might create civil liability by the user or the Library Board to any person. For example, the Ontario Human Rights Code prohibits certain forms of discrimination and harassment of other individuals or groups, and the Criminal Code includes prohibitions against child pornography, obscenity, hate literature, and literature for illicit drug use. An example of civil liability is the law of libel and slander. No effort has been made to be exhaustive in giving the above examples. Users are reminded that ignorance of the law is not an excuse.
4. The Perth East Public Library reserves the right to limit any use of the Internet services it provides, if that use deviates from what the Library intends.
5. Use of Library workstations and Internet services provided by the Library is conditional on the user's agreement to observe this policy. By continuing to use these Internet services, the user indicates agreement to all requirements of this policy.
6. Internet Filters: The Perth East Public Library supports the 1997 Canadian Library Association's Statement on Internet Access (see appendix A). Consequently, computers available to the public in the library do not use internet filtering software. The Perth East Public Library believes that the best and most reliable filter is a child's parent or guardian and that the values and skills of young people are the major means by which their well-being is safeguarded.