

JERICO PUBLIC LIBRARY
INTERNET/COMPUTER POLICY

The Jericho Public Library is committed to remaining in the forefront of providing excellence in educational, informational, cultural, and recreational enrichment in the service of all members of the community.

In keeping with this mission and with advances in information technology, the Jericho Public Library provides Internet/computer access.

It is the policy of the Jericho Public Library to restrict the use of the Internet/computer to patrons having a valid library card from the Jericho Public Library, a valid library card from another library, a driver's license, passport, or student ID. Each user must have his/her own valid library card or other acceptable identification as outlined above.

Patrons will be shown how to get the computer up and running. Library staff members are not experts and cannot offer extended instruction in the use of the Internet/computer.

Library makes no guarantee about speed or uptime of internet services.

The Internet/computer user agrees to take proper care of all equipment, disks, manuals, and other property of the Jericho Public Library. The user agrees to pay replacement costs of any equipment or materials lost or damaged as a result of negligence or abuse.

Internet/computer access is available on a first-come-first-served basis. No advance reservations can be made.

The Jericho Public Library makes no guarantees, either expressed or implied, with respect to any equipment, programs, operating systems or other library materials, or their quality, performance, or fitness for any particular purpose. All materials and equipment are of a "demonstration" nature and are given for use "as is." The **ENTIRE** risk as to the quality and performance of computer equipment/programs/documentation is with the user. In no event shall the Jericho Public Library be liable for actual, incidental, or consequential damages in connection with, or arising from, use of any equipment, programs or other materials.

Patrons must agree to abide by our print management procedure and pay all required fees accordingly.

Each patron may reserve or use only one computer at a time. The named patron who has reserved a computer must be present to use the reserved computer. Use of the computer will be limited to one half hour periods unless no one is waiting to use it. The Internet/computer will be available until 15 minutes before closing.

All decisions as to the use of the computer and other Library materials are at the sole discretion of the Employee-in-Charge.

The Jericho Public Library reserves the right to terminate a computer/internet session at the librarian's discretion or for violation of our Internet/Computer Policy.

The Director has the right to suspend Internet/computer privileges based on the failure of a patron to adhere to Library policies.

If the patron wishes to appeal the decision, the patron has the right to appeal to the full Library Board.

No private files may be stored at the Library or on Library media and any data lost as a result of faulty media, programs, etc., upon data storage is not the responsibility of the Jericho Public Library or its employees.

The Internet is a global electronic network that provides dynamic resources and facilitates communication. Library staff cannot control access points that often change rapidly and unpredictably. Users are hereby notified that they are responsible for the choice of sites that they visit.

User agrees to observe all copyright laws. User agrees not to duplicate any computer programs or documentation provided by the Library.

The Library is a forum for all points of view and adheres to the principles of intellectual freedom as expressed in the **Library Bill of Rights** formulated by the **American Library Association**.

As with other materials, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

The Jericho Public Library makes no warranty, expressed or implied, for the timeliness, accuracy or usefulness for a particular purpose of information accessed via the Internet.

Public displays of offensive sexual material on a computer screen is prohibited by New York State Penal Law 245.11.

In addition, it is the policy of the Jericho Public Library that Internet users shall not display text or graphics that may be reasonably construed as obscene and/or offensive by other patrons.

Violations will result in the termination of Internet access privileges and may result in criminal prosecution pursuant to New York Penal Law.

Other activities that are specifically prohibited include but are not limited to:

- attempts to circumvent or breach workstation, network or host security within the Library or at other Internet sites or to otherwise compromise the operation of or access to these systems or resources
- use of the Library's computer resources for personal commercial profits
- use of Internet accessible resources that violate intellectual property rights of the owner or creator of the information or violate other local, state, or federal laws.
- Inappropriate tampering with Library equipment may result in suspension of Internet/computer privileges at the Jericho Public Library.

- Use head phones when listening to audio
- No food or drink permitted

Any other activities determined by the library staff to be disruptive or destructive to the operation of the library, its patrons and equipment are prohibited.

Out-of-district residents are required to abide by the same regulations guiding Jericho School District residents in usage of equipment in the Library.

New York State Education Commissioner's Regulations permit Jericho Library cardholders to have preference in the use of the Internet/computer. Should a Jericho Library cardholder require access to the Internet/computer in use by an out-of-district resident, the out-of-district user must relinquish the Internet/computer. Failure to do so may result in the suspension of Internet/computer privileges at the Jericho Public Library.

Use of the Internet/computer presupposes that these rules and guidelines have been read and understood by the user and that the user agrees to abide by them without reservation.

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