



## **Internet Policy**

The New Berlin Public Library endeavors to develop collections, resources, and services that meet the cultural, information, recreational, and educational needs of the diverse community it serves. It is within this context that the New Berlin Public Library offers access to the Internet.

The Internet is a global electronic network. Resources available on the Internet supplement and complement the collections of the New Berlin Public Library. All Internet resources accessible through the library are provided equally to all library users. The New Berlin Public Library cannot be held responsible for its content. Because not all Internet sources provide accurate or complete information, users are responsible for determining that the information they access is acceptable, reliable, and suitable to their needs.

The Internet and its available resources may contain materials of a controversial nature. The New Berlin Public Library neither censors access to materials nor protects users from information they may find offensive. Internet users may find material in graphical or text format which they consider offensive, just as they may find objectionable material in other formats such as books, tapes, or videos. The library does not vouch for or endorse the viewpoints of written material in its collections, and it does not do so for electronic information.

As with other library materials, a child's access to electronic information, databases, and services is the responsibility of the parent or guardian. Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss appropriate use of Internet resources with their children and are strongly advised to monitor their children's use of the Internet. The New Berlin Public Library does not act "in loco parentis." Children under 18 must have written approval from their parent or guardian to use the Internet in the New Berlin Public Library.

Library users have the right to confidentiality and privacy. However, Internet users should be advised that because security is technologically difficult to achieve, electronic transactions and files become public.

Illegal uses of this resource are prohibited and subject to prosecution by local, state, and federal authorities.

Users should always be good citizens of the electronic community of the Internet. Use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of this privilege.

Library staff cannot provide in-depth training on Internet operations or personal computer skills. Staff may, however, be able to offer searching suggestions and answer questions.

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