

Internet Policy

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The Stickney-Forest View Public Library District provides information through the Internet and other electronic resources, as part of our commitment to bringing people and information together.

The Internet offers access to many valuable sources of information, but not all sites are accurate, complete, or current. The Library does not monitor the information accessed through the Internet. There are many sites that carry information which one may find controversial or objectionable. Users may not hold the Library responsible for information acquired on the Internet. Users are encouraged to take advantage of the Internet and to exercise good judgment and discretion. Parents should supervise their children's Internet sessions.

While the Library strives to have the technology (and related infrastructure) that we purchase and license in excellent and efficient working condition, no guarantees can be either expressed or implied in respect to any equipment, programs, or other materials, that their performance will be flawless. Materials and equipment are given for use "as is." The entire risk as to the quality and performance of computer equipment, programs and documentation is with the user. In no instance, shall the library be liable for actual, incidental, or consequential damages in connection with or arising from the use of any technology or related infrastructure.

Internet users should be aware that the following behavior can result in suspension of user privileges:

- Viewing, displaying or disseminating materials that are judged in accordance with current legal definitions as being obscene.
- Use of the Internet in any way which violates a federal, state, or municipal law, including copyright laws.

As indicated on the application for all Library cards, parents or guardians assume all responsibility for the minor's selection of materials. Children younger than 12 years of age require a signed parental authorization to access electronic resources. Children 8 years of age and under may access any electronic resources and require direct parental/guardian supervision while utilizing the Internet/computer.

Access to the Internet and other electronic resources made available to all possessing a valid SFVPLD library card, or a valid card from any SWAN Library is on a first come, first serve basis, and will be made available until one-half hour before Library closing. Sessions will be limited to one hour if other patrons are awaiting access to the computers.

Access to the Internet and other electronic resources are available at no additional cost. However, all patrons will be charged for print-outs and for the cost of repairing or replacing any equipment or software damaged by the card holder.

Only the card holder is allowed to use his/her name and/or Library card to access the Internet and other electronic resources through the Stickney-Forest View Public Library District. Guest passes will be issued to adults and youth who are able to produce a photo ID. Proper identification will be required for access to the computers. Guest passes will only be issued to SFVPLD youth patrons if a parent/guardian has expressly granted permission for the youth to have Internet access. Non-SFVPLD youth patrons will be issued a guest pass upon presentation of photo ID if a) they have a card at a SWAN Library that is in good standing, or b) they do not have a Library card at a SWAN Library. Library users whose Library cards have outstanding balances in excess of \$5.00 will not be allowed to use the computers.