

HATCH PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The Internet enables the Hatch Public Library to expand its reference/information services by providing access to unique resources worldwide. Patrons are encouraged to use the Internet for their informational, educational, and recreational needs while following these guidelines:

1. Users must be registered borrowers of the Hatch Public Library, and at least 8 (eight) years of age, unless accompanied by a parent. *
 2. Users must be able to demonstrate adequate computer ability.
 3. Use of the Internet workstation will be limited to 1 hour time slots and accessed on a first come first served basis. During high use days in the summer, users may be limited to one hour a day.
 4. Users will use the Internet workstation and resources in a responsible and ethical manner.
 5. Users will not attempt to modify, alter, or damage software and equipment.
 6. Users will not send, receive, or display text/graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene.
 7. All sites accessed are logged as to times of visit and site addresses.
 8. Internet access is a privilege, not a right, which may be revoked at any time for inappropriate conduct.
 9. Upon recommendation of the Library Director, violations to this agreement will be reviewed by the Hatch Public Library Public Library Board of Trustees and appropriate action will be taken up to and including complete revocation of library privileges.
 10. Users may download software programs with prior library staff approval.
 11. If you wish to save files ask a Librarian for a diskette. Diskettes are available for \$1.00. Re-writable CD's for \$3.00. The Hatch Public Library is not responsible for damage to a patron's diskette, CD or computer.
 12. PARENTS of minor children MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY for their children's use of the Internet through the library's connection. Computers are equipped with filtering software, but it is the PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY to make sure that their child uses the library's computers properly.
 13. The Hatch Public Library is not responsible for the content, quality, or accuracy of the information obtained from the Internet.
 14. A signed "Hatch Public Library Computer/Internet Use Agreement" must be on file before Internet access will be provided.
 15. U.S. Copyright law (Title 17 US Code) prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted material, except as permitted by the principles of fair use. Users may not copy or distribute electronic materials, including electronic mail, text, images, programs or data, without the explicit permission of the copyright holder. Any responsibility for the consequences of copyright infringement lies with the user. The library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from such use. The library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility arising from access to or use of information obtained through its electronic information systems, or any consequences thereof.
- * Non-residents, wishing to check their E-mail on a limited time only basis, may use the library computers, but will need to sign a Non-Resident Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement Form.

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**Do not shut computers down.
Ask staff at desk if you lock up
or have a computer problem.**