



Shelburne Public Library Internet Access Policy Statement

Shelburne Public Library offers Internet access in order to provide information to meet the educational, informational, recreational, and cultural needs of the community.

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.

Shelburne Public Library does not use filtering or blocking software to censor the access of information that is available on the Internet. The Internet is an unregulated medium, a global entity with no control over users or content.

The Library takes no responsibility for the accuracy, currency or appropriateness of information on the Internet.

Distribution of information through the Internet may violate copyright laws. The Library is not responsible for copyright infringement.

In addition to the general rules respecting the use of the Library, the Library prohibits the use of its work stations for any purpose which would contravene any statute or government regulation, or which might create civil liability by the user or the Library to any person. For example, the Ontario Human Rights Code prohibits 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.

Use of the Library workstations are conditional on the user's agreement to observe this policy. By continuing to use the workstation, the user indicates agreement to all requirements of this policy.

Shelburne Public Library Internet Access Station Usage Procedure

Welcome to the Shelburne Public Library Internet Access Service.

To maximize Internet availability and to ensure fair access for all, please respect the following rules and procedures.

Internet Access Policy:

Before use of the Internet Terminal, users are required to be signed in and to carefully read and agree to the Shelburne Public Library Internet Access Policy.

Staff Assistance:

Library Staff will assist you whenever time and knowledge permits.

Reserves and Time Limits:

You may reserve one (1) session per day, up to seven days in advance.

One session is defined as a maximum of one hour.

The reservation will be held for ten minutes only.

If the computer is not booked, walk in patrons may book a session when they arrive.

Misuse of Shelburne Public Library Policy:

Anyone not complying with the **Shelburne Public Library Policy** or anyone misusing the Library facilities including computers will be asked to leave.

Printing:

Copies are 10 cents per page in black and white and 30 cents per page in colour, whether you have your own paper or not, payable at the front desk.

Usage:

1. The Internet is to be used for Internet Access only. You may not make any changes to the configuration of the software or hardware. You may not download any other programs.
2. One person only at each station.
3. Discussion groups and chat lines are not available.
4. All users are expected to respect the privacy of others using the Internet.
5. No food or drink allowed at the Internet Terminals

Note for Parents:

You are responsible for supervising your child's access to all Library resources, including the Internet. Your child needs your advice and guidance to make the most of the Internet.

Children under 12 are required to have a parent with them when using the Internet.

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