

HENRY WALDINGER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Valley Stream, NY 11580

PUBLIC ACCESS INTERNET POLICY

In keeping with the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library's mission to provide quality services, resources, and lifelong learning opportunities to the community, the library provides Public Access Internet Service as another avenue for library research to its patrons. The Internet is a global electronic network that offers access to many valuable sources of information. The library does not monitor and has no control over information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content.

Public Access Internet Procedures

Adult Room Internet Stations are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for one 1-hour time period per day. These internet stations are limited to Adult and Young Adult users only.

Children's Room Internet Stations are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for one ½ -hour time period per day. These internet stations are limited to Juvenile and Young Adult users only.

Time periods may be extended upon the approval of a librarian to a maximum of two hours in the Adult Room and to a maximum of one hour in the Children's Room.

Printing is permitted, if it can be accomplished during your scheduled time period. Printing fees are posted. The library's print management system requires payment prior to printing any documents.

Rules Governing Use of the Public Access Internet Service

Use of the library's internet service is limited to users upon presentation of a current, valid library card from a Nassau County library or another form of current identification with address, with first preference to Henry Waldinger Memorial Library cardholders. A guest pass will be issued for users who do not have a current, valid library card.

The library reserves the right to impose time limits on Internet use by any one user per day and to place other reasonable restrictions as the need arises. Time limits and policies are subject to change without notice and are set at the library's discretion. Please comply if you are asked by library staff to give up a workstation.

Access to pornography, obscene or indecent materials is not permitted. A filter is installed on Internet Station computers to block to prevent access to such materials. Requests to view websites that are blocked by the filter may be submitted to the Director. Access to these websites will be permitted for bona-fide research only.

Illegal activities (including violation of copyright laws), commercial use of the Internet, or attempts to violate system security are also prohibited. Illegal acts involving library resources may be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal officials.

Users are not permitted to change nor alter **in anyway** the settings and software functions of any of the Internet stations. Any attempt to alter, degrade, disrupt, tamper, or destroy the equipment or system is prohibited. Installation of software, including floppy disks or CD-ROMs, is prohibited.

Library staff cannot provide in-depth training concerning the Internet, computer jargon, or personal computer use. If you require additional information or instruction on the Internet or computer use, staff will direct you to appropriate materials to borrow or instructional sites on the Internet.

Users should be aware that the Internet is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding users' activities. The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library cannot be held responsible for any loss of privacy, fees incurred, and/or personal harm caused to patrons due to disclosing of personal information over the Internet.

Any violations of these rules will result in loss of the privilege of Internet use for a specific time period determined by the Director, permanent loss of Internet privileges, and may lead to loss of all library privileges.

By signing up to use the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library's Public Access Internet Service, you agree to follow the library's Internet Procedures and to abide to the library's Rules Governing Use of the Library's Public Access Internet Service.

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