

Internet Policy for the Chetwynd Public Library:

Internet Acceptable Use:

The Chetwynd Public Library provides access to the Internet in support of the library's role to develop collections, resources and services that meet the cultural, educational, informational and recreational needs of the community.

The Internet provides access to a wealth of information that can be personally, professionally and culturally enriching. There is no central control over Internet content or users. Because the Internet is a vast and unregulated information network, it also enables access to ideas, information, images and commentary beyond the confines of the Library's collection, mission, selection criteria and collection development policies. Because of this and because sites on the Internet change often, rapidly and unpredictably, the Library cannot protect users from information and images they might find offensive or disturbing.

The Chetwynd Public Library strives to balance the right of users to access a wide range of information sources with the rights of users to work in a public environment free from harassing sounds and visuals. We ask you to remain sensitive to the fact that you are working in a public space shared by people of all ages, with a variety of information, interests and needs. The Library cannot guarantee the privacy, security or confidentiality of any transaction, particularly e-commerce transactions.

Parental Responsibility & Child Safety on the Internet:

As with any other library materials, monitoring of a child's (under the age of 13), **use of the Internet is the responsibility of the parents or guardians.** All members of the public including children will have access to workstations with **no content limitations.** Children who use the Internet unsupervised may be exposed to inappropriate or disturbing information. The Library suggests that parents, who are concerned about the types of material available on the Internet, work with their young children as they explore Internet sites and help them select resources consistent with their family's values and boundaries. **Anyone under the age of 13 must have their Library registration form completed and signed by a parent or guardian in the presence of a Library staff member before they are allowed to use the Internet.**

Disclaimer:

The Internet is an unregulated, worldwide environment. It contains information and opinions that range in scope from reliable and authoritative to controversial or extremely offensive. Information found on the Internet may not be accurate, complete or current. Users are encouraged to exercise critical judgment in evaluating the validity information accessed via the Internet. It is prohibited to use public Internet workstations for illegal, actionable or criminal purposes. **Criminal Law forbids the display or dissemination of hate literature, child pornography, illicit drug literature or obscene material.** The Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect arising from its connections to the

Internet. The Chetwynd Public Library cannot be held liable for any information that maybe lost, damaged or unavailable due to technical or other difficulties.

Regulations and Guidelines:

Access is available to all members of the public. **District of Chetwynd residents must have a Chetwynd Public Library card in good standing (current and up to date information, no overdue items or fines).**

Scheduling of Internet time will be at the discretion of the Library staff to enable maximum usage of the Internet.

Refrain from libeling, slandering or otherwise harassing others.

Refrain from violating copyright, software license agreements or communication laws.

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