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**INTERNET POLICY REGULATIONS**

**POLICY:**

The mission of the Peninsula Public Library is to provide our community with quality resources, programs, and services. In keeping with its mission Peninsula Public Library offers access to the Internet. The Library is a forum for all points of view and adheres to and endorses the principles of intellectual freedom as adopted by the American Library Association. There are no content filters on any of PPL's computers. PPL makes no warranty, either express or implied, as to the accuracy, timeliness or usefulness of information accessed through the Internet.

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**REGULATIONS:**

1. Internet service at the Peninsula Library is open to all.
2. Children ages 14 through 17 may use the service without a parent/guardian present.
3. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian when accessing the Internet (at the same workstation).
4. Use of the Internet is on a first-come, first-served basis. Use is limited to a one-hour time period if there is a waiting list. Non-residents of District 15 are given a one-hour courtesy pass per day.
5. Users are required to take proper care of the Library's equipment and property. Alterations to the Library's computer equipment and printers or software are prohibited. Problems with the Library's hardware or software should be reported to the Reference Desk immediately.
6. Printing is permitted. Paper must be purchased at the copier or at the Circulation Desk.
7. Personal work must be saved on a user's own flash drive or email.
8. Printing of sexually explicit and other similarly offensive matter is prohibited.
9. Users must accept the on-screen Library Internet Policy before access.

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