

Eastham Public Library Internet Access and Safety Policy

In response to advances in technology and changing needs of the community, the Eastham Public Library endeavors to develop collections, resources and services that meet the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of its patrons.

The Internet is a global electronic network that enables the library to provide information to patrons beyond the library's collection and walls. As such, the Internet can be a continuous learning experience. The paths to information are numerous and ever changing, as new sites are added daily, and others disappear and/or are moved. The type of information available through the Internet is wide-ranging.

In fulfilling its mission to provide up-to-date and accurate information, the Eastham Public Library seeks to provide equal access to information for persons of all ages. With regard to the Internet, the library does not selectively choose which electronic resources to make available. The Eastham Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. The library reserves the right to monitor computers when a violation of this policy or illegal activity is suspected. Staff is authorized to take immediate action to protect the security of computers and the network.

Use of the library's computers in ways that violates local, state or federal law or activities that interfere with or disrupt the network, users, services or equipment are prohibited. Use of the Internet in violation of Massachusetts General Law 272, Section 28, the Harmful to Minors Statute is prohibited. Disclosing, using or disseminating personal identity information about minors is prohibited. The Library reserves the right to require users to refrain from displaying computer images which are inappropriate for public viewing.

Library patrons are responsible for complying with copyright law, licensing agreements and the policies of individual websites.

The library cannot guarantee that the library's wifi and computer connections are secure. Entering personal information such as social security and credit card data, should be done with caution.

Programs downloaded and files saved are automatically deleted upon rebooting. Patrons are encouraged to save their work on a thumb drive in the event of a power failure and to reboot a computer when finished to wipe the hard drive of browsing history and saved or downloaded files.

The library's public computers are available for 30 minute time slots when others are waiting. Wi Fi is available continually. Printing is 15 cents per page for black and white; 35 cents per page for color.