

Public Access Internet/World Wide Web Policy

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The Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library provides open access to the Internet and the World Wide Web to patrons having a valid Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library card in their own name.

The Library is a forum for all points of view and adheres to the principles of intellectual freedom as expressed in the Library Bill of Rights formulated by the American Library Association. The Internet and the World Wide Web are considered to be logical extensions of the traditional reference and information services offered by the Library. However, the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library has no control over these computer networks and assumes no responsibility for the content, quality or accuracy of information transmitted.

Library staff cannot provide in-depth assistance concerning the Internet, computer jargon or personal computer use. We may however, be able to offer searching suggestions and answer questions. If you have never used computers or have specific questions about the Internet, circulating books and reference books are available.

The Board of Trustees respects the responsibility of parents to monitor their children's reading and access to information. It is not the obligation of either the Board or the Library staff to monitor or review minor's or any patron's utilization of databases or information sources accessed via terminals at the Library.

Library staff are delegated the authority to insure Plainview-Old Bethpage residents have first priority in use of such terminals and when and if demand necessitates, make such rules as may be required or are appropriate to limit time spent by patrons at Library terminals by which such access is available, whether the Internet or otherwise.