

# **EDITH B. SIEGRIST VERMILLION PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET USE POLICY**

The Internet is an unregulated global information resource. The Vermillion Public Library has no control over information that can be accessed through the Internet and cannot guarantee the accuracy and/or authenticity of information accessed through this resource. Users who find information or subject matter that is erroneous, out-of-date, illegal and/or offensive should contact the original producer or distributor of that work directly. The Library offers wireless internet service which is open and unsecured; however, Vermillion Public Library reserves the right to disable any website that disrupts its Internet or network connectivity or causes damage to its computer hardware.

Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library:

- cannot guarantee confidentiality over the Internet and users who enter personal information do so at their own risk
- is not responsible for work or information lost due to computer or system malfunction
- is not responsible for misplaced or stolen equipment
- disclaims any liability or responsibility arising from access to, or use of, information obtained through the Internet, or any consequences thereof
- is not responsible for controlling children's Internet use

**Parents and legal guardians are responsible for the information accessed by their children. Parents and legal guardians are advised to provide guidance and to supervise their children's use of the Internet.**

Parents or legal guardians must complete an Internet Access Contract for Minor before their minor children (under age 18) may access the Internet the first time.

## **Internet Use - Library Rules**

The Library expects patrons to use the Internet in a responsible manner respecting the rights of others and Library rules of behavior. The Internet computers are located in public areas used by library patrons of all ages, backgrounds, sensitivities and values. Individuals are expected to consider this when accessing potentially controversial information and images. The Library does not condone the use of library equipment to access material that is obscene, features child pornography, or is harmful to minors. Use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and unacceptable use will result in suspension or cancellation of the privilege.

Users may not engage in actions that will, but are not limited to:

- destroy, alter, prevent, or interfere with the configuration of the Library computers
- violate copyright or software license agreements
- ignore time, printing and workstation occupancy limits
- invade or violate another Library user's privacy
- sending, receiving, printing, or displaying text or graphics that may reasonably be construed as obscene
- viewing any site that may create a disruptive environment for other library users or staff
- engage in any activity that is deliberately offensive or creates an intimidating or hostile environment.
- be for any illegal, criminal or commercial purposes

**WARNING TO THE INTERNET USER:**

**Please be aware that the Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library is a public place. Displaying sexually suggestive objects or pictures may be a violation of the City of Vermillion Sexual Harassment Policy or a violation of the State and Federal Obscenity laws (South Dakota Statutes, Section 22-24-1 to 22-24-37; Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252.)**

Noncompliance with this policy will result in revocation of computer privileges and/or Library use privileges. Illegal use may also result in criminal prosecution.

It is assumed that use of the Library's computers constitutes acceptance of the Policy.

*Approved by the Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library Board of Trustees 5/1/14, Revised 11/16/17*