

## HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERNET POLICY

To use the Internet patrons must have a current Mid-Hudson library card in good standing. Non-residents must present driver's license or student ID.

Users should be aware that the Internet is an unregulated information source over which Howland Public Library has no control. As with any information resource, library patrons should approach the information critically. The Howland Public Library is not responsible for the accuracy or reliability of material found on the Internet. The Howland Public Library will provide patrons with starting points for exploring the Internet including resources that are appropriate to the library's mission statement. Howland staff can provide limited instruction on basic Internet procedures. Staff time is limited since we must continue to provide other services.

Internet services may be used only for lawful purposes. Use of this service in violation of any local, state or federal law and/or regulation is prohibited.

The library cannot assume the parents' responsibility to monitor the child's Internet use to see that such use conforms to the parents' standards. There is material on the Internet which most parents would consider inappropriate for their children.

- \* Parents or guardians, NOT the library or its staff, are responsible for the Internet information selected and/or accessed by their children.
- \* Parents—and only parents—may restrict their children—from access to Internet resources accessible through the library. The library staff cannot control or monitor your child's access to the Internet.
- \* We recommend that parents tell their children not to give out their last names, addresses or telephone numbers on the Internet.
- \* The Howland Public Library does not censor access to materials or protect you from information you may find offensive. There is sexually explicit material and other information resources on the Internet, which you may personally find controversial or inappropriate.

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