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INTERNET

The Baldwinsville Public Library (BPL) Board of Trustees subscribes to the principles of free speech and expression embodied in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and New York State Constitution. The Board also endorses the Library Bill of Rights, as developed by members of the library profession and formalized by the American Library Association. These principles foster the principles of open access and the free exchange of ideas, some of which may be considered objectionable by some members of the public.

In keeping with our mission to provide a variety of informational resources to the community, the Baldwinsville Public Library (BPL) offers Internet access. Since the Internet is an unregulated medium, not all sources found there provide information that is accurate, complete, current, legal, or philosophically acceptable to all citizens. Therefore, BPL does not accept responsibility for content found on the Internet.

As with all library materials, parents and guardians are ultimately responsible for providing supervision and/or restriction of their children's use of the Internet. Unrestricted Internet access is available on all public computers and wireless devices.

Use of the Internet workstations is for LEGAL purposes only. Internet users may not use BPL's computers to display materials which are sexually offensive. Sexually offensive material includes any items which depict sexually suggestive pictures or nudity, or actual or simulated sexual conduct or sado-masochistic abuse.

WARNING TO THE INTERNET USER: Please be aware that the Baldwinsville Public Library is a public space; all users are expected to respect the space as a collective information commons and adhere to the BPL Patron Code of Conduct. Displaying sexually suggestive objects or pictures may be a violation of State and Federal Law governing obscenity and displays of sexual material.

(New York State Penal Laws, Sections 245.10, 245.11, 263.11, 263.16;
Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252)

Other illegal activities which are prohibited by Federal or State law include, but are not limited to, the following: software piracy, degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance; gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities, invading the privacy of individuals; engaging in any activity that is deliberately offensive or creates an intimidating or hostile environment, whether real or virtual; and violation of copyright or licensing agreements.

BPL will not host individual e-mail accounts or websites on its server. BPL allows e-mail access on its computers if such e-mail accounts are web-based.

BPL is not responsible for online breakdowns and/or equipment failures by Internet providers nor for any virus downloaded by any user. BPL also assumes no responsibility for direct or indirect damage which may result from use of BPL's Internet connections.

Failure to comply with these policies can result in loss of access to the BPL computers.

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If you link to BPL's website, BPL requests that your link be presented in a manner that does not give the impression that BPL is making an express or implied endorsement of any good or service provided on your website and that the link is presented in a manner that clearly indicates that the user is leaving one site and accessing another.

Compliance

The BPL Board of Trustees is authorized to develop rules for appropriate use of the Internet at the BPL. Regardless of whether a rule is specifically listed herein or in the Board's rules, if the user's conduct while using the system disrupts BPL or its computer network, it will be considered a violation of their Policy and appropriate action will be taken against the violator, as provided for in the BPL Patron Code of Conduct and/or as set forth in other Board Policy(ies) governing patron behavior. Federal, state and/or local law enforcement agencies may also be contacted where the violation involves criminal activity.

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