

# SYRACUSE-TURKEY CREEK TOWNSHIP

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

### **Patron User Agreement for Internet, Public Computer and Wireless Use**

#### **Section I. General Rules for Public Computer and Wireless Use**

All electronic traffic originating from the library's connection to the internet shall be in accordance with these acceptable use standards. Failure to abide by these standards may result in the loss of computer privileges and may be subject to state and federal laws. The public computers and wireless access for laptops shall be used for education, informational, and recreational purposes only, and not for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes. *All patrons wishing to use public computers or access wireless must agree to this policy by clicking "accept" when the Internet Usage Policy appears after signing in on the computer. Persons under the age of eighteen must have documented parental or guardian permission to use the internet.*

1. The library reserves the right to set and enforce rules and regulations concerning the use of the public computers and wireless access.
2. Library staff may limit access to public terminals if other library patrons are waiting for access to public terminals, however, school work will always take precedence over recreational activities on the computers.
3. It is not acceptable to use the library's computers for any purpose which violates state or federal laws, to transmit threatening or obscene material, or to disrupt network users, services or equipment. Disruptions include, but are not limited to: distribution of unsolicited advertising (including the distribution of email spam), propagation of computer worms and viruses, tampering with computer or network security, and using the network to make unauthorized entry into any systems accessible via library's computers. Illegal acts involving the library's computers or wireless system may be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.
4. Uploading and/or downloading pirated materials, such as music, movies or software is forbidden. Users must respect all copyright laws and licensing agreements pertaining to software files or other resources obtained via the internet.
5. Transmitting, uploading, distributing or viewing obscene, abusive and/or sexually explicit material is forbidden.
6. Malicious use (i.e. "cyber bullying") is not acceptable and users who are engaging in this online behavior will be banned from public computer usage.
7. While online monetary purchases are not restricted and submittal of private and personal information online is acceptable, the library does not provide any security or protection for credit card numbers, account numbers, or protection of personal or private information submitted. The library assumes no responsibility in this regard.
8. The library and Syranet reserves the right to review search history and remove any material found on the computers to be offensive or otherwise does not comply with this document.
9. The library reserves the right to modify these standards at any time.

## **Section II. Wireless Internet Use**

The General Rules above apply to wireless connections as well. Patrons need to be aware that the connection is *not* secure, and that the library is not responsible for information that may be taken from a patron's computer while using the wireless connection. In addition to the above general rules, policies regarding wireless usage shall include limiting the type of software a person can use while connected to the wireless network. Restricted software is defined as those which would cause harm or loss of productivity to other patrons, staff and/or other networks including but not limited to:

- Use of spamming software
- Spread of malicious code
- Virus producing software
- Software for the distribution of "bots"
- Server based software intended for commercial use

## **Section III. Disclaimers**

1. The library makes no warranties, expressed or implied, that functions or contents of the system will meet any user's specific requirements, or that it will be error-free or trouble-free, current or uninterrupted: nor shall the library be liable for any direct or indirect, incidental or consequential damages (including lost data, information or income) sustained or incurred in connection with the use, operation or inability to use the system.
2. In consideration for the privilege of using the internet and for having access to the information contained on the system, users hereby release and hold harmless the library; the operators of the internet and any institution with which they are affiliated from any and all claims of any nature arising from the use, or inability to use the system.