

# Millville Free Public Library

## Internet Use Policy

The Millville Free Public Library has made strides to make the Internet more accessible to its patrons. The job of the public library is to provide information in many different forms. Although the Internet offers a variety of educational and cultural material, it also contains points of view that may be disturbing to some patrons. The library has no control over the information accessed, and cannot be held responsible for the content, and/or availability of any Internet site at any given time.

Parents and/or patrons are hereby informed that the Millville Library's computers offer unfiltered Internet access. This means free and open access to information. The library is not responsible for information that a child is able to access on the Internet. A child's access to the Internet, like any other library materials, is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

### **Users of the Internet workstations must comply with the following rules:**

1. Users must respect the privacy of other patrons.
2. Users must use the computers in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal laws. Users shall not use computers or the Internet to conduct any illegal activity. This means that using the computer to access obscene material, as defined by state and federal statute, is not allowed. The use of Internet computers to access child pornography and obscenity is a crime. *Obscenity* is defined as (1) that the work appeals predominantly to "prurient" interest; (2) that it depicts or describes sexual conduct in a patently offensive way; and (3) that it lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value. Illegal acts involving library resources may be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal officials.
3. Users may not conduct business on library computers.
4. Users may not alter the configuration of library computer systems, and may not load software onto any workstation.
5. There is a one hour time limit on all workstations (1/2 hour if someone is waiting).
6. Printing is \$ .20 a page.
7. Headphones will not be provided. Users must supply their own headphones/listening devices.
8. Users with outstanding library debt may be denied computer access at the discretion of library staff.
9. One person per computer (except in the case of a parent accompanying a child).
10. Patrons up to age 14 may use the computers in the children's room.
11. Patrons ages 15 to adult may use the computers in the adult room.
12. All users must have a signed Internet Agreement on file. Children up to age 17 must have an Internet Agreement signed by a parent/guardian on file.
13. The Millville Library is not responsible for the safety of, or reliability in, transmitting or accessing data when you use either the wireless or wired network.
14. Wireless users must also adhere to the Internet Policy. For more info on wireless use, see our Wireless Agreement.
15. The library reserves the right to terminate Internet use at any time.
16. The library does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of information accessed over the Internet. The Library cannot ensure confidentiality of any data on library computers or data transmitted over the Internet.
17. Users are responsible for complying with all copyright laws.

18. The library is not responsible for loss or damage associated with Internet use, data transmission, or data storage on the Internet, library computers, or personal devices.

Library staff will assist patrons with Internet use, but cannot take the time to teach/instruct on Internet use.

**Failure to honor any of these rules will result in the loss of Internet privileges.**

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## **The Millville Free Public Library's Wireless Policy**

The Millville Free Public Library now offers wireless "WiFi" access to the Library's Internet service. When you use the Library's Internet service you are accepting the Library's **Internet Use Policy**. Please take the time to read the policy before accessing the network.

### **Where you can pick up the wireless signal?**

The wireless signal can be picked up anywhere in the building. However, using the WiFi network may include some risks. Users are cautioned not to transmit personal banking/credit card information over the WiFi network. The Millville Library is not liable or responsible for the safety of or reliability in, accessing, or transmitting data when you use either the wireless network or internet provided by the library.

### **What You Will Need**

- Wireless network interface card (NIC)
- A laptop or PDA configured to use the Library's Internet connection
- Your laptop or PDA must conform to the "802.11b/g" standard, commonly known as WiFi. New laptops often come standard with a wireless interface and may be automatically configured to pick up the wireless signal.
- Compatible headphones if you plan to use audio files.

**Please note that the library staff cannot assist you with your laptop, PDA, card, or configuration. The Library cannot accept the liability of handling your equipment.**

**The Library shall not be responsible for any loss of data or damage to personal equipment.**

*This policy was adopted by The Millville Free Public Library Board of Trustees on March 12, 2008.*

# **The Millville Free Public Library Internet and Wireless Agreements**

"I have read and agree to abide by the Millville Free Public Library's Internet Use rules."

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User's Name Printed

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User's Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature (for child under 17)