Internet Access Policy

You must be either a student, faculty member or staff member of Southeastern Baptist College.

A.R. Reddin Memorial Library's Internet Access Policy should be read before using Library computers.

Please note that the library staff is available to give some introductory individual computer instruction; however, you should have a general knowledge of Windows-based software and become acquainted with its use before using Library computers.

A.R. Reddin Memorial Library seeks to make information available in a wide variety of formats, including print and audiovisual materials. In addition, the library's computer system provides access to information in different electronic formats, including CD-ROM and online.

Internet access makes it possible for the library to provide information to students, faculty, and community beyond its walls. Information, ideas, and commentary can now be quickly accessed from around the world.

The Internet is an unregulated medium. While it offers access to a wealth of materials that are personally, professionally, and culturally enriching to people of all ages, it also enables access to some materials that may be disturbing, offensive, and/or illegal.

The purpose of making Internet access available in A.R. Reddin Memorial Library is to enhance the library's current collection and to include access to resources which are physically unavailable from around the state, nation and the world.

A.R. Reddin Memorial Library provides primary access to the Internet through web browsers, which also includes Internet-searching capabilities. The library also provides access to e-mail for students and faculty members.

The library staff will identify specific starting points for information searches on the library's homepage which are appropriate to the objective and service roles of A.R. Reddin Memorial Library. It should be noted, however, that the library cannot monitor or control material accessed beyond the links provided on our homepage; therefore, we cannot guarantee the appropriateness of any pages beyond our own.

While patrons are encouraged to use the Internet, the information needed may be more easily obtained through the Library's more traditional resources. Library staff will assist users in locating these materials.

The library is not responsible for inadvertent exposure by minors or adults to potentially offensive material accessed by Internet users on library equipment. Because the library cannot

fully control or monitor the large amount of material accessible through the Internet, it will be the responsibility of individual users to determine the suitability of the content of information received.

Internet Guidelines

The following guidelines are agreed upon by each patron using Library computers:

Use of library computers is on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointments will be taken.

Library computers are available for use by all students, faculty, and staff of Southeastern Baptist College.

Library computers are available during all library operating hours.

While the library staff is happy to assist users in accessing the Internet, each user is nevertheless responsible for his/her own search. The staff cannot provide in-depth personal training in the use of the Internet or personal computers.

The library staff will not perform reference searches on the Internet at the request of telephone customers.

Library computers are in a semi-public area, and privacy is not guaranteed. The user is ultimately responsible for which sites he/she may choose to visit, but be aware that others may be involuntarily exposed to what is displayed. Please show respect for the sensibilities of other patrons at all times.

Materials obtained or copied from the Internet may be subject to copyright laws (Title 17, U.S. Code). A work protected by copyright may not be copied without permission of the copyright owners, except as permitted by principles of "fair use." Any responsibility for the consequences of copyright infringement lies with the user.

When you have finished with your session, please close the browser and leave the computer ready for the next user.

Unacceptable Internet Use

Use of library computers must be compatible with the mission and standards of A.R. Reddin Memorial Library. The library reserves the right to suspend the Internet access privileges of any person found guilty of "unacceptable use" of the library's property.

Damaging, tampering with, "hacking" or destroying equipment, software, or data belonging to the library; including adding, altering, or deleting files on library workstation hard drives or other library computer equipment.

Violating computer system integrity, including attempts to bypass security functions, obtain passwords, or alter the configuration of library workstations in any way.

Using the Internet for any illegal or immoral activity.

Harassing others.

Wasting finite resources (including printing without paying).

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