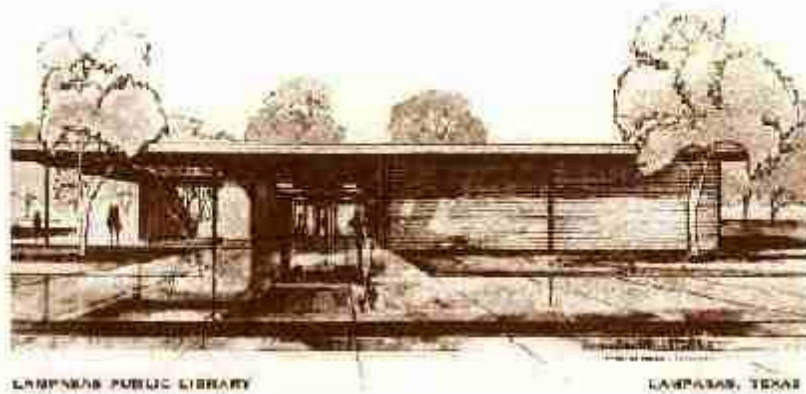**LAMPASAS PUBLIC LIBRARY**
INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Advances in technology and the needs of the community are ever changing. The Lampasas Public Library endeavors to develop collections, resources, and services that meet the educational and recreational needs of the community. It is within this context that the Lampasas Public Library offers access to the Internet. This new resource enables the Library to provide information beyond the confines of its own collection. It allows access to ideas, information, and commentary from around the globe. Currently, however, it is an unregulated medium. As such, while it offers access to a wealth of materials that are personally, professionally, and culturally enriching to individuals of all ages, it also enables access to some materials that may be offensive, disturbing, and/or illegal. In providing access to the Internet as an information resource, the Library's goal is to enhance the opportunity of library users to navigate the Internet. The Library's provision of public access to the Internet subscribes to the principles stated in Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks, an Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights.

The Lampasas Public Library or its staff cannot control or monitor information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content. It is not possible to apply the same selection criteria, which are used for other materials. The Internet is a global entity with a highly diverse user population and library patrons use it at their own risk. Users are encouraged to take advantage of the Internet and to exercise judgment and discretion in their use of it.

Access by Minors

All Internet resources accessible through the Library are provided equally to all Library users. Parents or legal guardians, not the Library or its staff are responsible for Internet information selected and/or accessed by their minor children. Only you have the right to define what material or information is consistent with your personal and family beliefs, and only you can apply these values for yourself and your children as you use the Library's resources. Parents or legal guardians may restrict their children from access to Internet resources and are advised that they must supervise their children's Internet sessions. The Library has provided links for children, which provide content and links to other Web sites that parents or legal guardians may find appropriate for their children. For more information on children and the Internet, see Child Safety on the Information Highway, a publication produced by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Copies of this publication are available at the Circulation desk.

Rules Governing Use

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a suspension, and eventually cancellation, of this privilege. The Library reserves the right to terminate the Internet access privileges of any person abusing the following principles and guidelines. Illegal acts involving Library computing resources may also be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.

It is the responsibility of each user to be guided by the following principles:

Respect for the privacy and sensibilities of other users. Attention to the legal protection provided by copyright and license to programs and data. Failure to abide by this may be considered a misdemeanor crime under Texas State Law (SECTION 1. Title 7, Chapter 33, Section 3302a) Consideration for the integrity of computing systems. For example, users must not intentionally develop programs to harass other users or to infiltrate a computer or computing system, or develop programs that may damage or alter the software components of this or other computing systems. These acts may be considered a misdemeanor or felony crime under Texas State Law (SECTION 1. Title 7, Chapter 33, Section 3302a) Specifically, users may not:

Damage or destroy equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library or to other users, including adding, altering, or deleting files on Library workstation hard drives or other Library computer equipment. Violators will be liable for any costs incurred by the Library to repair such damage, destruction, deletion or alteration of files. Violate software license agreements. Violate computer system or network integrity, including attempts to bypass network security functions, obtain passwords, or alter the configuration of Library workstations in any way. Use the Internet for any illegal or criminal activity including slander, libel, the unauthorized copying of copyrighted material and the transmission/display of pornography. According to the Texas Penal Code, Sec. 43.24(b) a person commits an offense if he displays harmful material and is reckless about whether a minor is present who will be offended or alarmed by the display. Harass others. Waste finite resources (including printing without paying). Use of the Library's Internet computers will be on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointments will be taken. Due to the limited resources available for provision of public access to the Internet, the Library may set limits, for example, on the use of large files of still or moving images or sound, or on downloading files in any medium. The Library also reserves the right to limit the amount of time an individual user can devote to a single session. Users are limited to 1 hour if others are waiting to use the Internet computers. The Director of Library Services will schedule Internet time frames on a first come, first served basis and will advise the Library Advisory Board of the schedule for the upcoming month. If demand necessitates, the Director of Library Services may adjust the scheduling of Internet usage based on the demand.

Users are required to sign in at the Circulation Desk.

While Library staff are happy to assist users in accessing the Internet, each user is nevertheless responsible for his or her own search. Staff cannot provide in-depth personal training in the use of the Internet or of personal computers. Staff will not perform reference searches on the Internet at the request of telephone customers.

Internet users should notify Library staff immediately if they encounter any problems with the computer or programs.

While patrons are free to access whatever Internet sites they wish, they must also be mindful and respectful of the rights of other patrons (particularly children) and staff not to be inadvertently exposed to explicit material and images that may be found personally unsuitable. Staff members may request that a patron remove such an image or text from an Internet workstation screen and refrain from viewing it in the future if, in the staff member's judgment, the image or text is displayed in such a way that other patrons (particularly children) or staff, are exposed to or cannot reasonably avoid viewing it in the course of carrying out their business in the library.

The Library does not directly provide electronic mail or access to news and discussion groups, in part because other resources on the Internet provide these services, as well as commercial vendors. Patrons may use the Library's Internet computer to access accounts obtained through these services as long as they do not require any alteration of the computer's resources or files.

Information may be copied from the Internet only to floppy diskettes. You may not download information from the Internet onto library public access computers. The Library is not liable for damages to personal data, diskettes or equipment resulting from information copied from the Internet.

Information may be printed from the Internet for a per page charge as posted at the Library. When printing is completed, a staff member at the circulation desk will assess the charges. You must pay for all pages you print, even those printed inadvertently.

LAMPASAS PUBLIC LIBRARY WIRELESS INTERNET POLICY

To fulfill its mission of providing access to information of all types in a wide range of formats, the Lampasas Public Library provides wireless Internet access for laptop computers and other equipment.

1. All patrons who agree to the Library's Internet Access Policy may use the wireless service. By choosing to use this free service, users are agreeing to abide by the Library's Internet and computing policies.

2. In order to utilize the connections, the laptop computer will need to have a wireless network card and to be configured to connect via appropriate protocols. The Library does not guarantee that all laptop computers will be able to connect to the wireless Internet service

or to maintain that connection.

3. The Library reserves the right to disconnect any device at any time and to provide equal access for wireless access to all users.

4. Laptop users must be considerate of nearby patrons and refrain from excessive noise including the playing of music on the laptop without the user of headphones. Patrons not adhering to this policy may be asked to leave the Library.

5. The Library is not responsible for laptops or similar devices. Furthermore, the Library is not responsible for any damage that may occur to the laptop computer while connected to the wireless network. This includes, but is not limited to, hardware, software, or data loss due to power surges, power loss, service interruptions, computer viruses, spyware, and/or any other type of computer malware. Anti-virus and security protection are the responsibility of the patron.

6. Printers are not available for wireless users. However, saved files can be copied to a storage device and utilized on one of the Library's public access computer workstations for printing. The Library is not responsible for data loss that may occur when printing. Current printing fees will be charged.

7. Users may not use the network to:
a. Make unauthorized entry into other computer, information, or communication services or resources
b. Distribute unsolicited advertising or spam
c. Invade the privacy of others
d. Engage in any activity that is harassing or defamatory
e. Use the Internet for illgl activity

8. Patrons should not leave equipment unattended. The Library is not responsible for theft.

9. The Library reserves the right to determine where in the building wireless access is permitted.

10. The Library reserves the right to determine which electrical outlets can be used for powering lapto computers.

11. The Library does not filter the content of wireless Internet access.

12. This service is limited during Library hours of operation.