

# **Amesbury Public Library**

## **Internet Access Policy**

The Amesbury Public Library endeavors to develop collections, resources, and services that meet the diverse cultural, informational, recreational, and educational needs of the Amesbury community. Access to the Internet and its many resources is one of these services the Library is making available to the public in response to advances in technology and the changing needs of the community. By providing access to the Internet, the Library is opening a gateway to information broader than its traditional practice of selecting materials and specific services. Information on the Internet is created by governments, corporations, universities, organizations, and individuals throughout the world. Not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, or current information.

The Amesbury Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information patrons access through the Internet and is not responsible for Internet content. As a result, it is the responsibility of the individual user to make a determination about accuracy and/or quality of content.

Staff cannot monitor, control, or restrict anyone's access to the range of information available. Parents/guardians are advised to supervise their children's Internet sessions. The Library does not have the authority or the responsibility to act in the place of the parent.

It is the Library's responsibility to maximize availability of this resource and to ensure fair accessibility for all. It is the patron's responsibility to exhibit respect and consideration for staff and other users.