Goal

The prime function of the Ajax Public Library system is to provide access to any information within or outside our Library system.

1.   Access

1.1   The Internet enables Library users to electronically access information resources beyond the confines of the Library's collections. It allows access to ideas, information, and commentary from around the world. However, not all sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, or current information. The information consumer is responsible for evaluating the suitability of all retrieved information for their own purposes.

1.2   All customers using the Library's public Internet workstations must read this *Internet Access Policy*, posted on the login screen, and agree to abide by it, including all of the Rules and Condition of Use (section 6), prior to logon.

2.   Children's Access

2.1   Responsibility for children's access to the Internet rests with the child's parents or legal guardian. They must authorize access for children aged 13 and under.

3.   Copyright

3.1   Certain copying or distribution of material found on the Internet may infringe on the copyright laws of Canada. The Library disclaims any liability or responsibility for such infringements.

4.   Responsibility/Liability

4.1   The Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility arising from access to, or use of, information obtained through the Internet, or any consequence thereof.

4.2   The Library is not responsible for the content of any sites linked to its home page.

5.   Filtering

5.1   The Library's Internet workstations are equipped with commercial filtering software.

5.2   Users of Internet services are subject to federal, provincial, and municipal legislation regulating Internet use, including the provisions of the Criminal Code regarding obscenity, child pornography, hatred, and sedition. The use of the Library's Internet services for illegal purposes is prohibited.

5.3   Disorderly conduct which includes the transmission of threatening, abusive, libelous, defamatory material is not permitted.

5.4 The Library assumes no responsibility for the accuracy and effectiveness of the filtering software. The filtering software may allow inappropriate content to pass through or it can block appropriate content from being viewed.

6. Rules and Conditions of Use

6.1 The workstations must not be used for illegal purposes.

6.2 Users must not install, delete, or modify software on Library workstations.

6.3 Users must not tamper with any equipment belonging to the Library. For example, they cannot unplug network cables to use in their own computers.

6.4 The Library may suspend Internet or library privileges if users do not adhere to the Library's *Acceptable Behaviour* Policy (AP-ADM-007) or this Policy.

6.5 The Library will not guarantee the security of any personal information sent via the Library's Internet connection.

6.6 Library users must be aware that the Library's workstations are located in a public environment. The Library reserves the right to prohibit access to material that in their judgment may be inappropriate for viewing in a public area.

6.7 Library users must respect the privacy rights of others who use the Internet.

6.8 Library staff are available to assist users with the use of the Internet.