

Acceptance Date:	June 24, 2003	Resolution #:	03-90	Reference #	BPL-03-02
Revision Date:	July 6, 2004 June 21, 2006 July 8, 2008 June 23, 2009 June 22, 2010 January 12, 2012 August 1, 2012 November 26, 2013	Resolution #:	04-95 06-65 08-78 09-74 10-66 No Change No Change		

BRAMPTON LIBRARY

Internet and Computer Use Policy

1. Philosophy

- 1.1. Brampton Library provides Internet access and computer equipment to further its vision of “Education, Information, Inspiration” by allowing customers access to outside resources that expand and enhance information available in the collections.
- 1.2. The Internet is an unregulated medium that provides information and images beyond the confines of the Library’s mission, selection criteria, and collection development policies. The Library does not take responsibility for the accuracy, currency or appropriateness of information on the Internet.
- 1.3. It is prohibited to use the Library’s Internet access or computer equipment to receive or display sexually suggestive materials and text and/or graphics that are illegal, obscene or offensive or violate Canadian Copyright Laws.
- 1.4. The Library does not assume responsibility for any damages to customer equipment arising from a customer’s connection to Internet services or Staff requested assistance.
- 1.5. The Library is governed by the Canadian Copyright Act, the Criminal Code of Canada, and other legislation governing access to expressions of knowledge and intellectual activity.

2. Features

- 2.1. The Library supports the right and responsibility of parents or legal guardians to determine and monitor their children’s use of the Library’s materials and resources.
- 2.2. The Library reserves the right to manage connectivity, filter content and restrict the use of applications as outlined below:
 - i. Computers that are designated for the use of children will not be connected to the internet.

- ii. Computers provided by the Library with internet connectivity may have filtered content and restricted use of applications to preserve the intended use of the equipment as deemed by the Library. The Library assumes no responsibility in the event the filter or restriction is not 100% effective. Content filtering and restriction of applications does not replace the need for parental guidance.
- iii. Customer computers using WIFI Services may have filtered content and restricted use of applications to preserve the intended use of the service as deemed by the Library. The Library assumes no responsibility in the event the filter or restriction is not 100% effective. Content filtering and restriction of applications does not replace the need for parental guidance.

2.4. The Library's website provides recommended links to facilitate the use of the Internet. Customers should recognize, however, that the Library is not responsible for changes to the content of these sites, nor for the content of sources accessed through subsequent links.

2.5. The Library does not store information on customer personal information for use of the Internet, online databases or Microsoft Office products. The Library will store generic statistics used to measure service utilization and for planning for subscription purchases.

2.6. Staff will assist customers with the use of Library computer equipment or Personal computing equipment as time and expertise permits but cannot offer personal instruction on a drop-in basis.

2.7. Misuse of computer equipment, illegal use of Internet access or failure to comply with the procedures may result in loss of privileges.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

This policy is available in alternative format upon request.