

Stoneham Public Library

431 Main Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts 02180

Adult Internet Use Policy

Stoneham Public Library's Mission Statement reads: *"A free public library is essential to the preservation and growth of our democratic institutions. The mission of the Stoneham Public Library is to ensure that all people of Stoneham have free and open access to recorded information and ideas. The Stoneham Public Library promotes these ideals by focusing on its independent learning role. The Library is committed to cost-effective information delivery using traditional materials and state-of-the-art technology. In addition, our staff is dedicated to efficient public service in a welcoming atmosphere."*

The Stoneham Public Library does not control or monitor Internet use – patrons are solely responsible for the content of the sites accessed. Any use that is illegal or involves obscene or threatening materials is, of course, strictly prohibited and will result in the loss of Internet privileges at the Stoneham Public Library. Further, patrons are expected at all times, to be in compliance with federal and state law as well as any applicable copyright restrictions. Patrons must utilize the electronic resources available at the Stoneham Public Library responsibly, always with the awareness that the Library is a public setting for individuals to fulfill their informational needs.

Patrons will be asked to provide their name and arrival time on a sign-in sheet before using the computers. The Library maintains the right to impose any necessary time restrictions on computer use and strives to do so as fairly as possible.

On weekdays, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., computer use for students is limited to homework and research with only one person at a workstation.

The Library cautions patrons that it cannot assure user privacy on public computers and individuals should be aware of that when using the Internet.

While Library staff members are here to assist with Internet use, we remind patrons that some Internet functions may require technical support beyond our capabilities.

Patrons are asked to comply with both the Internet Access Policy of the Stoneham Library and the North of Boston Library Exchange (NOBLE), keeping in mind that additional restrictions may well apply.

The Library's computers have printers available for public use. Patrons should be aware that printed pages cost 10¢ for black and white copies and 50¢ for color copies. For word processing, each written page costs 10¢. This helps defray the cost of ink cartridges. This charge also applies to a patron using his or her own paper.

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