

## **POLICY ON COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE**

Computers are available for public use in the Library. It is the policy of the South Burlington Community Library to support the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights* (Appendix 1-3) and support the right of all persons, regardless of age, to have equal access to the Internet, as with all materials and services in the Library. This policy applies only to those library computers that are not subject to filtering by the South Burlington High School.

During school hours the above mentioned computers are not available for use by children under 18, and by students enrolled in the South Burlington School District, in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act and SBSB policy.

It is the policy of the South Burlington Community Library to be committed to the privacy of its patrons. However, computers are able to store temporary and permanent data, and users should be aware that it is not always possible to maintain privacy on Library computers.

Librarians are unable to apply the same selection criteria to the Internet as with other Library materials, and therefore the Library is not responsible for the content of the Internet.

It is the policy of the South Burlington Community Library to support the right and responsibility of parents/guardians to monitor their children's use of this resource. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children and guide their Internet exploration. The Library does not assume responsibility for monitoring Internet content accessed by children.

Illegal activities on the computer, including violation of applicable state and federal laws governing information access, US copyright laws and licensing agreements, and the violation of state and federal laws on the sexual exploitation of children, may result in suspension or termination of user's computer privileges and may be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities. Any patron who willfully causes damage to Library computers will be responsible for costs incurred.