

## Internet Guidelines



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- ❖ The Welles-Turner Memorial Library offers its users the latest in information technology to fulfill its mission that includes providing books and other media, to inform, educate and culturally enrich the community.
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- ❖ Internet access is available in the Adult, Children's and Teen Departments. The Internet is a global, unregulated network that provides access to information beyond the scope of the Welles-Turner Memorial Library Materials Selection Policy. The library cannot control the information available through the Internet, nor does it accept the responsibility for its content.
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- ❖ As with other library materials, a child's use of the Internet is the sole responsibility of the child's parent or guardian. Although the library does use filtering software on the children's and teen computers, parents/guardians should be aware that this software is not 100% secure.
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- ❖ Children under the age of eight (8) must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For recommended sites for children, visit the library's home page ([www.wtmlib.info](http://www.wtmlib.info)), or ask a children's librarian.
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- ❖ Internet users of any age may not access pornographic or gambling sites. Library staff will not knowingly tolerate children under seventeen (17) accessing sites containing obscene materials as defined by Connecticut State Statutes (53a-193). If Internet searching results in the disruption of library service or if patron behavior when using the Internet becomes inappropriate for a library setting, the library reserves the right to suspend computer privileges. The Internet will not be used for any purpose that violates U.S. or state laws to transmit threatening, obscene or harassing materials or interfere with or disrupt network users, services or equipment.
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