

## **Crandall Public Library Surfing The Internet A Message to Parents**

- The Internet is an important tool which offers a world-wide network of information which can be accessed through devices such as computers, gaming consoles, and mobile phones. The Library wants to give you and your children an opportunity to explore the Internet so that you and your family can share the benefits of being connected to the wide variety of learning opportunities that the Web provides.
- The Internet is continuously growing and changing, as such, it is not always easy to find the information you need. Staff at Crandall Public Library are always happy to assist you with navigating the Internet.
- Many parents are concerned about letting their children explore or “surf” the Internet because the general perception is that there are a lot of scary people out on the Internet. How can you protect your children from dangerous or objectionable material and still encourage them to learn how to use this important educational tool?
- The best way to protect your children is to be aware of how they use the computer or other Internet enabled devices. Just as you monitor their reading and school work, pay attention to how and when they use the computer. Set some family ground rules. Teach children to be cautious about “meeting” other people on the Net especially social networking sites such as Myspace and Facebook. Teach them not to give out personal information. Set guidelines for how long they can be online, who they text, where they can go and what you determine to be appropriate topics to explore.
- No single government or private organization is in charge of the Internet—no one controls the accuracy of information posted nor does any one group constantly monitor the Web for scams or other problems.
- Often our children and teenagers are much more at home using computers and exploring their possibilities some adults. If that is the case in your family, have your children show you how to use the technology. Spend some time together online. It’s fun, and it will give you an opportunity to monitor your child’s computer use without seeming too intrusive.
- Crandall Public Library is committed to free and open access to information for all adult patrons. In order to respond to community standards the Library provides technology protection on its computers designated for minors under 17 to the extent practical to block access by minors to inappropriate material and visual images on the Internet that are “obscene,” “child pornography,” or “harmful to minors.” Display of sexually graphic images is not permitted on any computer in the Library. Access to computers in both the Children’s Department and the Teen Center at The Library will be through the use of filtering software. Library customers should know that the Library’s ability to block access to the materials and visual depiction outlined above is dependent upon the limits of the filtering software.
- Adopted by the Crandall Public Library Board of Trustees Sept. 24, 2008.

## **Crandall Public Library Internet Policies**

Crandall Public Library allows free and open access to all sources of information in the Library. The Internet is a valuable source of information, which allows The Library to offer resources not currently available in print and non-print collections. The library has no control over the quality or accuracy of information found on the Internet. Customers are warned that use of the Internet is at their own discretion.

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All computers will be labeled in a manner as to clearly indicate if a filter is in use. Restrictions by area are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> floor Internet Room—Use, adults age 18 and up only. These computers are NOT filtered. (Children allowed on computer only when accompanied by parent or guardian.)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Teen Center—Use, teens ages 13-17. These computers are filtered. (Parent or guardian allowed on computer only when accompanied by teen.)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Children’s Department—Use, children, 12 and under. These computers are filtered. (Parent or guardian allowed on computer only when accompanied by child.)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Meeting Room—NO filtering. (Computer lab only available during monitored staff training/public classes.)

The Library does not assume responsibility for sites viewed by children that are not successfully blocked by filtering software. Parents and legal guardians are strongly advised that filtering software is not a guarantee that children will not see material that parents and legal guardians will find objectionable. It is the ultimate responsibility of parents and legal guardians to limit use of and monitor the use of Library resources for their children, including the Internet. Parents may prohibit their children’s use of the Internet at The Library by written request.

## **Library Hours**

**Monday-Thursday**  
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Friday**  
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Saturday**  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday (September - early June)**  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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### **Examples of acceptable ID (with proof of current address):**

**Tax bill**

**Property deed**

**Passport**

**Tax bill Driver's license or permit**

**Picture or School ID with address**

**Lease agreement or rent receipt**

**Current telephone or utility bill**

**Car registration**

**Report card with address**

**Notarized affidavit**

**Current tax receipt**

**Checkbook with name and address imprinted**



## **Library Card Application**

### **Identification With Current Address Required**

Mailing Address:  
251 Glen St.  
Glens Falls, NY 12801  
(518) 792-6508  
[www.crandalllibrary.org](http://www.crandalllibrary.org)