

Hepburn Library of Hermon Internet Access Policy

The Hepburn Library of Hermon offers free access to high-speed Internet as a tool for patrons and staff as part of its mission to provide collections and resources that meet the needs of the community.

Internet use in the library means using the library's network to access the Internet either on library workstations or through a wireless connection. Library staff are available, as time permits, to assist patrons in suggesting the best information resources to meet their needs.

Access:

The Hepburn Library of Hermon makes every effort to provide stable and equitable access to electronic resources and networks to all library users. However, resources may occasionally be unavailable due to network or service issues beyond the library's control. The library reserves the right to limit workstation and printer usage at peak hours or to schedule workstation and printer use in order to accommodate the largest number of users. As with all library materials, programs and services, the responsibility for what minors read or view on the Internet rests with a parent or legal guardian. The library encourages parents and caregivers to provide guidance for their children in accordance with their family values and to actively engage with children during screen time to help model positive Internet use.

Privacy:

The library does not retain information on websites visited by patrons. To preserve user privacy, the library will never share individual personal information gathered by the library, except as required by law. Security Communication through the library's network should not be considered secure. Library users are responsible for selecting and installing security protection on their wireless devices. The library is not responsible for damage to hardware or software, transmission of computer viruses, loss of data or email, or any harm resulting from the use of an unsecured server. It is strongly advised that personal, financial, or otherwise sensitive information not be transmitted through the wireless network. Filtering & CIPA Compliance The library receives federal funding in support of public Internet access, which requires compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Federal law requires libraries receiving such funding to install filters that block access to Internet material that:

- contains visual depictions that are obscene