

## **Internet Policy for Children's and Teen Room Computers**

The West Hartford Public Library provides public access to the Internet to children and teens to:

- Expand the scope of information and services available to children and teens;
- Provide teens and children the opportunity to learn and maintain their technological skills in order to keep pace with technological advances in the delivery of information;
- And provide free access to those teens and children who do not have access to the Internet in their home.

In order to maintain an appropriate and positive atmosphere for teens and children using the Teen Room and Children's areas, filtering software has been installed. Filtering software is effective in most instances, however, it is not effective all the time. Therefore, access to sites that are sexually explicit is not permitted in the Teen and Children's areas. All library customers have the right to unfiltered access to the Internet in the Adult areas. It is the parents' responsibility to set the standards and guidelines for their own children's use of the Internet and all other library services.

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