

CITY OF CORVALLIS
COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL

POLICY AREA 4 – LEISURE AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

CP 99-4.13 **Internet Access Policy for the Corvallis–Benton County Public Library**

<u>Adopted</u>	<u>May 17, 1999</u>
Revised	May 20, 2002
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Revised	May 19, 2014

4.13.010 **Purpose**

Article 1, Section 8, of the Oregon Constitution states, "No law shall be passed restraining the free expression of opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write, or print freely on any subject whatsoever; but every person shall be responsible for the abuse of this right."

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library upholds and affirms the right of each individual to have access to constitutionally protected material.

The Library provides information resources through the Internet. This service is available as part of the Library's mission of "bringing people and information together."

4.13.020 **Policy**

- a. The Internet offers access to many valuable sources of information, but not all sites are accurate, complete, or current. The Library does not monitor or control the information available on the Internet. There are sites that carry information which individuals may think controversial or inappropriate. Users are encouraged to take advantage of the Internet but also to exercise discretion and to respect the privacy of others.

- b. The Library's Code of Conduct applies to the use of the Internet. The Code is posted in all Library locations.

- c. As with the use of all Library materials, the Library affirms the right and responsibility of parents to determine and monitor their children's use of the Internet. To assist parents in this role, the Library provides resources, including links to age-appropriate Internet sites, information about Internet safety, and access to filtered search engines for those who choose to use those resources.

Parents are warned that these links and the filtered search engines may not prevent children from accessing materials that some parents may feel is inappropriate. Parents may wish to supervise their children's Internet sessions.

- d. In order to make the Internet available to as many people as possible and to ensure that it is used in a manner consistent with Library policies, the Library will adopt and post rules regarding use of electronic resources.

4.13.030 Review and Update

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library Director will prepare the Council Policy review every three years for Council Approval.