

# Jacob Edwards Library



## Internet and Computer Policy

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It is the mission of the Jacob Edwards Library to provide access to learning materials in a variety of formats for the community. The library attempts to provide a safe environment for all who use the library. In fulfillment of its mission, the library provides access to the Internet for adults and children in separate locations within the library.

The Internet allows users to connect to networks of resources outside the library. The library does not monitor and has no control over the information access through the internet. Information on the Internet may be reliable and current or it may be inaccurate, out-of-date, or unavailable at times. Adults and young adults 12 years of age and up may use the internet computers on the main level of the library. Patrons access the Internet at their own discretion; the Jacob Edwards Library cannot be held responsible for the content of the Internet. Viewing inappropriate materials such as violent or sexually explicit images is not permitted.

Children ages 11 and younger may use the computers in the Children's Room. Library staff is available to assist children's use and have selected websites and databases especially for use by children. The library staff strives to create a safe environment, but it is the responsibility of parents or assigned caregivers to supervise their children. Parents are strongly urged to work with their children to develop rules for the use of the library and the Internet. Parental permission is required for a child to use other library computers.