



## **INTERNET USE POLICY**

*Approved by the Vista Grande Public Library Board of Directors – 20-May-2008*

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In accordance with its mission, the Vista Grande Public Library provides free use of the Internet as a service that expands access to information and resources not easily available in the community.

Use of the Internet shall be consistent with the Library's mission, goals, policies, and procedures and with applicable local, state, federal, and international laws. Inappropriate or illegal use of this resource in the Library, including but not limited to:

- Use of the network to make unauthorized entry into other computational, informational, or communication services or resources,
- Distribution of unsolicited advertising,
- Invasion of the privacy of others,
- Making any attempt to damage computer equipment or software,
- Engaging in any activity that is harassing or defamatory.

Use of the Internet for any illegal activity, including but not limited to violation of copyright or other rights of third parties, or in a manner inconsistent with the Library's non-profit status or its proper operation is prohibited and can result in loss of Internet, and/or Library privileges.

The Vista Grande Public Library endorses the American Library Association's statement on Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks. The Library's Internet access is intended primarily to provide an information resource for users. The Library has no control over these resources, nor does it have complete knowledge of what is on the Internet. The Library does not select, edit, or filter Internet content or take responsibility for its reliability, currency, or accuracy. Internet communications are not secure and the Library is not responsible for the privacy of electronic communications.

The Library will not restrict adults or children in the Internet sites they choose to view. However, users are expected to follow all laws and library rules while using the Internet. As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

The library staff will develop rules and procedures as necessary to ensure fair and reasonable access to the Internet.

This policy of the Board will be reviewed when changes warrant.