

San Francisco Public Library Commission Policy Manual

Internet Use Policy

Policy #206

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See also: [Privacy Policy](#), Policy #207: Adopted December 1998. To fulfill its mission of providing free and equal access to information, knowledge, independent learning and the joy of reading to our diverse community, the San Francisco Public Library provides access to the Internet.

The Internet

The Internet consists of information on a wide range of topics provided by millions of individuals and organizations around the world.

Disclaimer

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Use of the Library's terminals for the transmission, dissemination, and/or duplication of information is regulated under various state and federal laws. The Library expects all users to comply with such laws.

The Library has developed [Computer Help & Rules pages](#). In addition, the Library Commission has adopted "Guidelines for Library Use" for the Library (Policy #SFPL-201 rev. 8/07). Any users of the Library's Internet terminals must follow these [Rules](#) and the [Guidelines for Library Use](#).

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