Dover Public Library Policy on Children's Access to the Internet
Children's Room
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Many wonderful library computer resources are now on the Internet or Internet-enabled, such as our online catalog, EBSCO magazine products, and the Encarta reference encyclopedia. In the Children's Room, we offer access to these superb resources to any child with a Dover Public Library card. We support equal access for children to our many library resources, including the Internet.

We welcome children through sixth grade and parents accompanying children to use our computers in the Children's Room. Teens and adults without children with them will be asked to use the computers in the Adult areas on the Main Floor.

Children's Room staff will regularly supervise children's Internet use. Viewing websites with objectionable text or displaying images inappropriate for a public setting violate the library's Internet Access Policy and are not allowed. The patron will be asked to exit the site. Non-compliance will result in loss of Internet privileges throughout the whole library.

Since all Children's Room computers are in public view, patrons are encouraged to report any observed inappropriate use to Library staff. Library staff will then take immediate action to correct any behavior that violates policy.

If, as a parent, you do not want Internet access for your child, please feel free to tell us. We can place a block on your child's barcode so that s/he cannot access Internet resources. Be advised that they will then have limited computer resources and information-rich databases available to them. Otherwise, all children with a card will have access to our Web-enhanced resources.

Come and talk to library staff in the Children's Room if you have any concerns or questions about our policy.

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