

**La BIBLIOTHEQUE de BEAUMONT LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY**

Policy Section: Operational

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INTERNET PUBLIC ACCESS

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The Bibliothèque de Beaumont Library has developed this Internet Public Access policy to support its mission of providing “a welcoming space for those who want to connect to information and enjoy lifelong learning”. The Library considers the Internet one of the most valuable information resources available. In keeping with the Canadian Library Association Intellectual Freedom Statement and the Bibliothèque de Beaumont Library’s Vision Statement, the Library seeks to be a “universally accessible hub providing leadership and innovation to promote literacy and culture in the community.”

The Internet is an unregulated global information environment. Though collection development policies cannot be applied to the unfiltered Internet, the Library provides Internet access as an extension of its collection. The Library is not responsible for the content, quality, or privacy of information sent or retrieved on Library Internet workstations or through the use of the public wireless network.

In accordance with the Juvenile Membership Registration guidelines, parents or guardians are solely responsible for their children’s use of the Library’s electronic resources.

The Bibliothèque de Beaumont Library’s computers are located in public areas. Library computers and the wireless network may not be used for:

- i. Any purpose which violates the Criminal Code of Canada, or any municipal, provincial, federal, or international law;
- ii. Receiving or sending fraudulent, unauthorized, malicious, or obscene information or data;
- iii. Displaying explicit sexual images;
- iv. Damaging or modifying the Library’s computer hardware, software, or network.

Failure to comply with the above will result in loss of Library Internet access and possible banning from all Library facilities. Unlawful activities may result in prosecution.

The Bibliothèque de Beaumont Library will ensure equitable access to the Internet by regulating session times through its login account software. The Library staff will be available to assist patrons with their questions and learning about Internet use and information literacy.