# DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY PUBLIC COMPUTER ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

## Acceptable Use

All electronic traffic originating from the computing center, both Ethernet and Wi-Fi, will be in accordance with acceptable use standards, for the reasons listed here. Failure to abide by these standards may result in the loss of Internet, computer, or other privileges.

1) Respect for the privacy of others.
2) Compliance with copyright law and licensing for individual data and programs.
3) Consideration for the security and functioning of computers, computer networks and systems.

## Caution

1) Parents are cautioned to monitor their minor children's use of the Internet.
2) Users are cautioned to guard closely the security of personal information, credit card numbers, computer accounts, passwords, and other types of authorizations when using the Internet.
3) Users are cautioned to take steps to protect their systems from computer viruses and other destructive computer programs when downloading programs to disk for use on other computers.
4) Electronic files should not be considered confidential. When required by law, the computing center must disclose all files to the extent required by law.
5) The computing center is not liable for any direct or indirect and/or punitive damages (including lost data or information) sustained or incurred in connection with the use or unavailability of the system.

## Unacceptable Use

Computing resources may only be used for legal purposes by the public and staff in accordance with the ethical standards of the computing center. Examples of unacceptable use include, but are not limited to the following:

1) Uses for any purposes that violate applicable federal, state, or local laws including copyright laws.
2) Interfering with or disrupting other computer users, services, or equipment.
3) Attempting to gain or gaining unauthorized entry to other computing, information, or communications sources or devices (hacking).
4) Malicious, threatening, harassing, or obscene behavior or language.
5) Obscene behavior including public display of obscene materials on computer screens or in hard copy.
6) Misrepresentation of oneself or the computing center.
7) Activities that could cause congestion and disruption of networks and systems.
8) Unsolicited advertising.
9) To access, upload, download, transmit or distribute pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit language or material.

USE OF THE INTERNET STATIONS IS ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. TIME LIMITS ARE SET SO ALL PATRONS SEEKING ACCESS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.