F1 Computer & Internet Use

The Board of Trustees has established the following policy to guide the access to public computers and the internet to library patrons. The Board of Trustee's intent is to provide access that fairly and effectively serves the diverse needs of patrons. Offering free public access to the internet is consistent with the library's mission to support lifelong learning. The library's policy in this regard reflects the principles articulated in the following statements by the American Library Association:
- Library Bill of Rights
- Access to Digital Information, Services and Networks
- Freedom To Read Statement

Internet Access
The Richton Park Public Library provides its patrons with free, unfiltered access to the internet via public computers and its wireless network.

The library requires patrons using the internet do so within the guidelines of acceptable use. Unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to:

a) Hacking,
b) Fraud,
c) Use of peer to peer or other file sharing software,
d) Violation of copyright laws or software licensing agreements,
e) Accessing illegal sites,
f) Harassment of other patrons,
g) Destruction of or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the library or other patrons, and
h) Behaving in a manner that is disruptive to other patrons.

Children's Access to the Internet
The library supports the right of all library patrons to access information and will not deny access to the internet based solely on age. The library recognizes the internet may contain material that is inappropriate for children. Parents or legal guardians are expected to monitor and supervise their children's use of the internet.

Desktop Computers
The library offers desktop computers for use by any patron. Computers are self-service, and may be reserved by patrons holding a valid Richton Park public library card

registered in our system. Patrons may also sign on using a guest pass obtained by request at the service desks.

The library offers public use computers in these areas of the library:
- Youth Services Department computers are available for children, teens, and adults accompanying children.
- Adult Services Department computers are available for adults.