

AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
ABUSE OF COMPUTER PRIVILEGES POLICY

The viewing of pornographic materials is prohibited on library property. Specifically, no one may view, send, receive, display text or graphics that may reasonably be construed as obscene anywhere on library property using library and/or personal equipment of any kind.

- The first time a patron violates this policy he/she will receive a verbal warning and told that further incidents may result in temporary or permanent loss of library privileges.
- If a second incident occurs, the patron will be given a final warning and be asked to leave for the day.
- Any additional incidents will result in a 30 day loss of library privileges (banning).

If it has been discovered that any patron willfully and deliberately took action to seek pornographic materials after receiving the first verbal warning, the Director may elect to skip the second warning and immediately impose the 30 day loss of library privileges.

Any patron who violates his/her banning and enters the building, risks having their library privileges revoked permanently and being charged with criminal trespassing.

Once a patron has completed his/her 30 day suspension and returns to the library, he/she will be subject to a "zero" tolerance policy. Any further abuse of computer privileges may result in permanent banning. No warnings will be issued.

Situations and/or circumstances not specifically defined within this policy will be referred to the Director for a final decision.