



# Press Release

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **NEW PUBLIC INTERNET USE POLICY TO TAKE EFFECT OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**Tampa, FL** – In an effort to ensure that more public Internet computers are available to Hillsborough County residents, and in response to the high demand for free public Internet access, the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library Board recently voted to revise policies related to public Internet computer use (LS 306 & 308) at all Hillsborough County Public Libraries.

Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 Hillsborough County Public Library customers:

- Will have a 2-1/2 hour (150 minutes) daily limit on all public Internet computers
- Must sign in with a personal library card number
- Must have a current library record with less than \$10 in outstanding fees

“With the increased popularity of the Internet today and with the growth of our library system now at 25 branches, we have seen a tremendous increase in demand for public Internet access over the last several years. This new policy will help ensure fair access, continued high quality, and a balanced demand on our Internet bandwidth capacity”, said Joe Stines, Director of Libraries.

### **Summary of Changes to the Library’s Internet Access Policies (LS 306 & 308)**

#1 - Customers shall be granted a maximum of two (2) hours per day access on the Internet Computers. Customers will be given the option to extend a session for 15 additional minutes - only when no one else is waiting – for a total daily maximum of 2 hours and 30 minutes.

#2 - Customers, including reciprocal borrowers must use their personal library card number to log onto an Internet computer or place a reservation for the use of an Internet computer.

#3 - Customers must update expired Library Cards and resolve delinquent fines exceeding \$10.00 before they can log onto an Internet computer or place a reservation for the use of an Internet computer.

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