

Internet Usage Policy

The Library defines a computer as any device that is either connected to or is capable of connecting to the Library network or internet. The Library remains a public building and use of patron's own equipment does not exempt users from the provisions in the Internet Usage Policy. This policy applies to all devices, either patron or library owned.

All patrons use the Internet and Wireless Internet at their own risk and are cautioned to use good judgment in doing so. Because of the open nature of the Internet, there are areas that may be deemed inappropriate for viewing in the Library's public setting. Patrons are expected to be respectful of their fellow patrons, including minor library patrons, when using the Library's networks, wired or wireless.

The Library will not control or censor any of the information that Library patrons can access from the Internet. However, users displaying objectionable materials within the public view will be asked to desist. Users are reminded to use good judgment regarding their use of the Library's networks, wired or wireless, and to be considerate of other library patrons, including minor library patrons. If Library staff becomes aware that a user is using the Internet terminal for illegal purposes, Library staff will contact the police.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are responsible for their children's access to computers, including Internet use. As with other library services, the restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the child's parent or legal guardian. Parents are encouraged to come in with their children and supervise computer and device use at the Library. - verbiage I have seen elsewhere and liked how thorough it is.

The Library offers an OPEN, UNSECURED wireless network for public use. The content on this network is not filtered or otherwise blocked. The Library cannot guarantee the privacy of and is not responsible for materials accessed, stored, or transmitted via devices on the Library network by patrons of any age, including minors. The Library does not guarantee the security of its wired or wireless networks. By using the Library's wireless network, the user agrees that the Library has no responsibility for any personal information that is

compromised, or for any damage caused to users' hardware or software due to security issues or consequences caused by viruses or hacking.

Users are responsible for ensuring that their computer has adequate protection against computer viruses, spyware, and any and all other malware that their computer may be exposed to on the Internet or from email attachments, so that it does not infect other devices on the Library network. Library staff may verify whether the Library's wireless connection is up and running, but will not be required to assist in making changes to the user's network settings or perform any troubleshooting on the user's computer.

Users are expected to treat Library materials/equipment and devices in a responsible manner, obeying all local, state, and federal laws.

The Library cannot guarantee uninterrupted wireless service.

Internet workstations are available on a first come, first served basis during library hours. Please respect other patrons who may be waiting to use them. Library staff may intervene if a patron is not showing due consideration to the needs of other patrons regarding access to Internet workstations. Public use of Library devices by non-residents is subject to availability and discretion of the Library staff.

The Library staff, at their discretion, have the right to discontinue computer privileges for anyone not following these guidelines.

Wireless and Internet Usage Policies were combined and amended into this policy by the Board on June 24, 2026