

PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTERS

I. PURPOSE

The Warrenville Public Library District offers public computers as an informational and recreational resource. Selected public access computers offer access to the Internet. The purpose of this policy is to set the conditions under which the Library's public access computers may be used.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to all public access computers and the Library's wireless network.

III. PROVISIONS

A. Public Access Catalogs

Public access catalogs are freely available.

B. Public Access (Internet) Computers

Use of the public access computers is limited to holders of a valid WPLD Library card and to registered reciprocal borrowers. Guest passes may be issued to individuals age 18 and over upon presentation of a photo ID.

All users must accept the Library's Public Access Computers Policy when they log in.

Parents/legal guardians are required to sign the Internet User Agreement for children age 17 and under to use the public access computers. Children age 7 and under must have a parent/guardian present at all times while using the public access computers.

The public library, unlike schools, does not serve *in loco parentis* (in place of a parent). Librarians cannot act in the place of parents in providing constant care and supervision of children as they explore the Internet. The responsibility for what minors read or view on the Internet rests with parents or guardians.

Access will be suspended if a library card is invalid as defined in Policy 210 (Library Cards).

Public access computers are limited to one-hour sessions, which may be extended when vacant workstations are available.

The Express Station is limited to a 20 minute session, which may not be extended.

No more than two individuals may use a computer workstation at any time.

When open to the public, the Computer Lab is intended for quiet use.

C. Wireless Network

The Library offers wireless Internet access for users with wireless enabled devices. This network is open to all visitors free of charge. The network is unfiltered and unsecured, requiring no user names or passwords.

Use of the wireless network constitutes the user's agreement to abide by the Library's acceptable use policy.

The Library assumes no responsibility or liability for any damages or loss resulting from use of the wireless network.

The Library reserves the right to limit bandwidth to ensure equal and fair access to the network.

Library staff provides limited technical support for use of the wireless network.

Wireless printing is available.

D. Acceptable Use

Access, use, or dissemination of information via the Internet in the Library is the responsibility of the user. In the case of minors, it is a joint responsibility of the user and the parent or guardian.

The Library's public access computers and wireless network may be used only for legal purposes. Illegal or prohibited acts may include but are not limited to: unauthorized copyright use, viewing obscene material, violating copyright or software licenses, attempting to damage or damaging Library equipment/software/software configurations, compromising system security, libeling, slandering, misrepresentation, solicitation and harassment. Use of personal software on public access computers is not allowed.

Illegal/prohibited use of the public access computers or wireless network will result in suspension of computer privileges and may lead to loss of Library privileges. Illegal acts may be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.

Failure of any user to follow the terms of this policy will result in the loss of Library privileges, disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action.

E. Disclaimer

The Internet enhances the Library's existing collections with electronic resources creating a gateway to the world of information. This resource contains material that may be inaccurate or of a controversial nature. The Library does not monitor or control Internet content.

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