

Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Disclaimer

The availability of networked information via library terminals does not constitute the library's endorsement of the content of that information. The library does not warrant information found on the Internet to be accurate, authoritative, factual, timely or useful for patrons' purposes

Persons who use the computer assume responsibility for the software during their use. Software and personal belongings should not be left unattended. The Columbus Public Library will not be responsible for injuries or damages to possessions of individuals or groups resulting from the use of the computer. There is a limit of two one-hour sessions unless no one has reserved the computer.

Wireless Access

This policy shall govern the use of personal devices connected to the library through our wireless access. The library is not responsible for any lost data, damage to equipment or files or breach of confidential information in the use of the wireless access provided; patrons use it at their own risk.

Legal and Acceptable Uses

The library's computers may be used only for legal purposes. Users of all ages must abide by the following restrictions. Unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Transmitting of threatening or harassing materials;
- Libeling, slandering or maliciously offending other users;
- Not respecting the privacy of others by misrepresenting oneself as another user;
- Attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others;
- Creating a disturbance that limits the effective use of the library by others
- Attempting to crash, degrade performance of or gain unauthorized access to the library's computer systems and networks.
- Modifying or damaging equipment, software or data belonging to the library or other users. (Sec. 943.70 of the Wisconsin Statutes states that this is a felony "if the offense causes an interruption or impairment of governmental operations");
- Exposing children to harmful materials. Sec. 948.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes makes it a crime to expose children to pictures or images of nudity, sexually explicit conduct, or physical torture or brutality that appeal to the prurient, shameful or morbid interests, are patently offensive to prevailing adult standards regarding materials suitable for children, or lack serious literary, artistic, political, scientific or educational value for children.

A patron violating this policy will receive a first time warning, 2nd time 30 days suspension, and 3rd time suspension for one year.

Supervising Children's Use

Columbus Public Library supports the right for each family to decide what appropriate Internet use is for their children. The responsibility for what minors read or view on the Internet rests with parents or guardians. Users eight years old or younger must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, caretaker, or sibling over 12 years of age to use a computer. The child may not be left alone at the library.

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