Edythe L Dyer Community Library

Internet Acceptable Use Policy

Wireless Access

The Library provides no-cost access to the Internet. It is the individual user's responsibility to comply with the Library's Rules and Procedures. Failure to follow these Rules and Procedures may lead to loss of privileges.

Users of this service need to be aware of the rules for acceptable usage:

1. The user is advised that the wireless access provided is not secure and that any data transmitted may be intercepted and viewed by others.
2. The Library is not responsible for any damages or difficulties, direct or indirect, resulting from the use of this service. It is recommended that users maintain personal computer security programs while using this service.

Internet Acceptable Use Rules

1. The Library's Internet connection may not be used for illegal activity or to access or transmit illegal materials.
2. Users may not disclose, use, or disseminate the personal information of minors without the express authorization of the minors' parent or guardian.
3. Use of the Library's computers for hacking, copying and/or unauthorized use of copyright protected material or any other unlawful activity is strictly prohibited.
4. Software is the property of the Library and shall not be copied for personal use. Computer users may not use or install their own software on the Library computers.

Access by Minors

Parents or legal guardians must assume responsibility for deciding which Library resources are appropriate for their own children. Parents of legal guardians should guide their children in use of the Internet and inform them about materials they should not use. The Library affirms and acknowledges the rights and responsibilities of parents and guardians to monitor and determine their children's access to Library materials and resources, including those available through the Internet. To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of minors when using the Library's online computer network to access email, social media, and other forms of direct electronic communication.

In order to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and still receive Federal E-Rate monies tied to the Act, the Library uses filtering software provided by the Maine School and Library Network to block access to visual depictions deemed obscene, child pornography, or otherwise harmful to minors. The filter may be disabled by authorized staff members for adults. (Note: Even without CIPA there is no constitutional protection to allow viewing of obscene pictures or child pornography, regardless of its medium. Such action is clearly illegal.) To address the issue of the safety and security of minors the Library makes Internet safety publications available at each computer workstation and encourages parents to use these a starting point for conversations about living safely online.

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