Internet and Computer Use Policy

The Aurora Public Library District recognizes that providing computer and Internet access is an essential component of library service. The library offers public access to computers and the Internet, as well as wireless access to the Internet for personal devices. The library filters Internet access in accordance with federal law regarding acceptance of E-Rate funding.

The Aurora Public Library District reserves the right to monitor and exercise any appropriate measures over customers' use of computers or the Internet to reasonably ensure compliance with library policies. The library may suspend or revoke computer and/or Internet use privileges if a customer fails to comply with the following use guidelines:

- Public access computers and wireless Internet access may not be used to access pornographic materials.
- Public access computers and wireless Internet access may not be used for any purposes that violate U.S. or State laws, including copyright laws.
- Other illegal or unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to bullying; harassment; libel or slander; solicitation; accessing websites that are harmful to minors or depict child pornography; and unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications.
- Computer and wireless users must comply with the library's Customer Behavior & Security Policy, Unattended Child Policy, and all other applicable library policies.

The library may exercise any appropriate measures necessary to protect our computer systems.

- Computer and wireless users may not interfere with or disrupt network users, services or equipment.
- Propagation of computer viruses and worms, hacking, and using the network to make unauthorized entry to any other machine accessible via the network are all prohibited.
- Any personal software requiring either administrator access to install, or a reboot of the computer, may not be used on any library computer.
- Library equipment may not be disconnected from data ports except by authorized library staff, and library customers may not plug their own devices into data ports.
- The library is not responsible for any problems that may occur when using library computers, including loss of files or data.

Computer use is protected by the Library Records Confidentiality Act (75 ILCS 70/1-2). The library does not collect, use, or process personal data. The library does maintain computer usage logs for a limited period of time. The library cannot guarantee the integrity of data on personal storage devices, but does make a reasonable effort to protect personal privacy, including the use of software that deletes user activity from public computers. Computer, Internet, and WiFi users are responsible for protecting their data.

Parents and caregivers of children under age 12 have the ability to restrict a child's Internet access privileges.

Approved by the Aurora Public Library District Board of Library Trustees
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