



PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTERS

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I. PURPOSE

The Warrenville Public Library District offers internet-accessible public computers and other devices as informational and recreational resources. The purpose of this policy is to set the conditions under which the Library's equipment may be used.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to all public access catalogs, public access computers, library-provided laptops and other internet-accessible devices, and the Library's wireless network.

III. PROVISIONS

A. Public Access Catalogs

Dedicated public access catalogs are readily available for the public with no logins required. Public access catalogs cannot be used for anything other than searching the catalog for library material and browsing the library's website.

B. Public Access (Internet) Computers

Use of the public access computers is open to all library visitors that have not had their computer privileges previously suspended.

If a parent/legal guardian does not want their minor to use the public access computers, they must indicate so on their child's library card application. 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. Children age 7 and under must have a parent/guardian present at all times while using the public access computers.

Users may login to the public access computers with their WPLD library card or registered reciprocal borrowing library card. Users without library cards may ask to be issued a guest pass. Minors without library cards will not be issued guest passes without permission from their parent/legal guardian.

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

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

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. Other Internet-Accessible Devices

The Library provides laptops for in-house checkout and use. If a parent/legal guardian does not want their minor to use in-house laptops, they must indicate so on their child's library card application. (Please see Policy No. 215 Circulation of In-Library Use Equipment for more information)

A variety of other internet-accessible devices may also be available for checkout or use in the library.

Use of the Library's internet-accessible devices constitutes the user's agreement to abide by the Library's acceptable use policy.

D. Wireless Network

The Library offers wireless Internet access. 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 damage 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 provide limited technical support for use of the wireless network.

Wireless printing is available.

E. 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 wireless network, public access computers and other internet-accessible devices may only be used 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 the library's public access computers and other internet-accessible devices is not allowed.

Illegal/prohibited use of the Library's wireless network, public access computers and other internet-accessible devices will result in suspension of computer privileges and may lead to disciplinary action and loss of Library privileges. Illegal acts may be subject to prosecution or other appropriate legal action by local, state or federal authorities.

F. Disclaimer

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