

H. INTERNET, EQUIPMENT, AND COMPUTING RESOURCES USE

Geneva Public Library District (GPLD) provides access to the Internet, a variety of equipment (e.g., computers, scanners, photocopy machines, printers, and fax machine), and computing resources (e.g., software, licensed databases, and websites) for public use. A variety of technology devices (e.g., eReaders and tablets) are available for checkout by GPLD cardholders in good standing. GPLD also provides wireless Internet access to individuals who use their own wireless-ready equipment inside the Library.

Library users must agree to the following terms:

- GPLD assumes no responsibility for any activities conducted by users of the Internet, Library equipment, computing resources, or wireless network and is not responsible for work or information lost due to computer or system malfunction.
- GPLD cannot guarantee the accuracy and/or authenticity of information discovered through the Internet or any computing resource. Patrons who find information or subject matter that is erroneous, out-of-date, illegal, offensive, and/or controversial should contact the original producer or distributor of that work directly.
- Parents and legal guardians have the right -- and the responsibility -- to monitor and control their minor child's access to the Internet and to information obtained from the Internet. Parents wishing to restrict Internet access for their child may indicate this on the Application for Youth under 18 years of age form.
- GPLD cannot and does not control or monitor the information accessed through the Internet. GPLD uses filtering software on Internet computers housed in Youth Services areas of the Library. Filtering software may be turned off with the approval of the adult accompanying the child to the Library.
- Children receive priority for use of the Internet, equipment, and computing resources in Youth Services areas of the Library. As space and availability permits, adults who have young children with them may use any Library resource to stay in the area with their children. Adults not accompanying children to the Library must receive authorization from Library Administration to use the Internet, equipment, and/or computing resources in Youth Services areas of the Library.
- GPLD makes every effort to protect the privacy of its users, but cannot guarantee confidentiality over the Internet. Patrons entering personal information (credit card numbers, social security numbers, etc.) do so at their own risk. GPLD's network and wireless access are unencrypted. Users should be aware that information sent to and from a device may be captured by someone else.
- Use of the Internet, Library equipment, computing resources or wireless network is only for legal purposes. Any unlawful or inappropriate use is prohibited and may result in loss of privileges. Illegal acts involving Library resources are subject to prosecution. Examples of inappropriate or illegal use include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - use of sounds or any other behavior which might be disruptive to others (headphones may be available for purchase);
 - violation of another user's privacy or interfering with the work of others;

- violation of computer system integrity or tampering with computer hardware or software;
- violation of copyright laws or software license agreements;
- unauthorized access to resources of entities;
- violations of federal, state, or local laws or viewing, printing, and distributing obscenity, child pornography, and materials harmful to minors.

Guidelines for use of Library equipment and computing resources include:

- Users must abide by the Acceptable Library Use Policy and Internet, Equipment, & Computing Resources Use Policy of the Library. Upon reasonable belief that a violation of the Library's policies has occurred, GPLD reserves the right to terminate patron use of Library equipment and computing resources, to suspend Library privileges, to ask the user to leave the Library, and/or to contact local law enforcement.
- Use is on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations accepted as space permits. Valid GPLD card or guest pass required for use of computing resources and users must sign-in.
- At peak and closing times, GPLD reserves the right to limit the amount of time an individual may use equipment or computing resources.
- Fees apply for copying and printing services and will be posted clearly near equipment. No provision is made for patrons to receive faxed documents at the Library.
- Patrons may not use their own software on Library computers.
- GPLD does not provide data storage. Flash drives or other storage media may be available for loan or purchase. Data downloaded from the Internet may contain computer viruses and GPLD is not responsible for damage to any patron's equipment.
- Users are responsible for configuring their own equipment. Instruction regarding use of Library equipment and computing resources will be supported in accordance with the Library's Information Service Policy.

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