



Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The Webster Public Library upholds and affirms the Library Bill of Rights, which supports the right of each individual, regardless of age, to access constitutionally protected material in any format. All collections of the library, including adult collections and Internet access, are available to children and teenagers. Users are reminded that the library computers are located in public areas which are shared by people of all ages, backgrounds, and sensibilities. The library cannot be held responsible for what may be accessed through the library computers.

Internet Safety

The library complies with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) which requires the use of filtering software. This software shall be used to block visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors. Filtering software may not block all material users might find offensive. As with all library resources, Internet use by a minor is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian. To help protect their children's safety, the library encourages parents and children to discuss the child's use of email, social media, and disclosure of personal information over the Internet.

Disclaimer

The Webster Public Library is not responsible for any liability that may occur as a result of the disclosure of financial or other personal information over the library's public computer services. Users should be aware that use of public computers is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding user's activities. The library is not responsible for equipment malfunction, loss of data, or any damages to the user's peripheral equipment (flash drives, etc.).

Rules Governing Use

1. Internet use requires a library card issued through the Monroe County Library System. Visitors may request a guest log-on or an Internet- Only card.
2. Any illegal use including the viewing of child pornography, infringement of copyright, credit card fraud, and the sending of libelous and/or harassing email is prohibited.
3. It is the responsibility of the user to respect copyright laws and licensing agreements and assume responsibility for payments of fees for any fee-based service.
4. Library staff members are not able to provide in-depth computer training but will answer questions and, as time permits, help users locate and use resources on the Internet

Users may not:

- Use the library's workstations to gain unauthorized access to the library's networks or computer systems.
- Obstruct the work of others through so called "hacking," or deliberately crashing any library computer system.
- Display images, sounds, or messages in a way that will negatively affect those who find them objectionable, offensive, or disruptive.
- Make any attempt to damage computer equipment or software.
- Make any attempt to alter software configurations in a malicious manner.
- Make any attempt to cause degradation of system performance.
- Use any library workstation for illegal or criminal purpose.
- Engage in any activity which is deliberately and maliciously offensive, libelous, or slanderous.
- Represent yourself as another person for purposes of fraud or other illegal activity.
- Disclose, use, and disseminate personal information regarding minors.

Compliance

Failure to comply with this policy may result in restriction or termination of the user's library privileges and may result in prosecution under local, state, or federal laws.

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