

Wood Dale Public Library District Computer and Internet Use Policy

The Wood Dale Public Library District (the “Library”) is committed to providing computer and Internet access to Library users through computers and wireless access for the purposes of learning, obtaining information, creating content, communicating with others and other appropriate tasks consistent with the Library’s mission. Best efforts will be made to provide access to these services during all open hours; however, planned or unforeseen circumstances may require computers or wireless access to be made unavailable.

The Library has no control over information found on the Internet and cannot be held responsible for any of its content.

While reasonable efforts are made by the Library to guard against malware and to protect user privacy, no guarantees can be made as to the security and privacy of any activity conducted on Library computers. Users conducting personal business on Library computers do so at their own risk.

The Library’s wireless Internet service is an open, public network with no security. Patrons connecting to the Internet with their personal devices on the Library’s wireless network do so at their own risk.

Library computers may be used only for purposes that are legal and appropriate for a public environment. Examples of unacceptable uses include but are not limited to the following:

- Display of sexually explicit, obscene, vulgar or pornographic materials;
- Harassment of other users, threatening other users, or taking any action that violates the privacy of other users;
- Libeling, slandering or maliciously offending other users;
- Violation(s) or attempted violation(s) of federal or state law, including but not limited to copyright and intellectual property laws;
- Identity misrepresentation on the internet with the intention of committing harm, fraud or other unethical or illegal conduct;
- Violating or attempting to violate software licensing agreements;
- Attempting to crash, degrade performance or gain unauthorized access to other computer systems, security and networks;
- Damaging, adding, deleting or modifying the installed hardware or software;
- Installing or attempting to install software, malware or other programs on Library computers or equipment;
- Behaving in any manner that violates library policies and procedures, is destructive and/or disruptive to other users, including but not limited to overuse of computer equipment which serves to deny access to other users.

The Library is not responsible for any damage to the user's own computers, devices, or equipment while connected to library wired or wireless networks, or while connected to any of the library's equipment. The Library is not responsible for any loss of data or damage to portable media that may occur when saving files.

By using Library computers or the wireless network, patrons are agreeing to all the conditions detailed in this Internet and Computer Use Policy. Violations of these and other rules governing the use of the Internet and computers in the Library may result in loss of access and suspension of Library privileges. The Library will deal with unlawful activities in an appropriate manner.

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