

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY INTERNET ACCESS POLICY

Purpose

Prairie du Chien Memorial Library strives to develop services, collections, and resources that meet the informational, recreational, and educational needs of our patrons. Due to advances in technology and community needs, we now offer access to the Internet.

Internet

The Internet is a global electronic network over which there is little federal, state or local control. It does contain material of a controversial nature. The Library cannot monitor or control access to such material, nor can it protect users from information that they may find offensive. Library patrons use it at their own risk. Every patron who uses the public Internet service at the Library must respect the sensibilities and rights of other library patrons and the family environment here.

Parents are encouraged to supervise their children's Internet sessions. Prairie du Chien Memorial Library does not censor print materials, nor does it filter Internet materials. It is the responsibility of a child's parent or guardian to decide, just as for print materials, what electronically accessed material is appropriate for their child. Therefore, all children under the age of 18 who use this library service must have a signature permission form on file, signed at the library front desk by their parent or guardian.

Reliability

Internet sources do not always provide up-to-date, accurate or complete information. The Library's Materials Selection Policy cannot be applied to materials accessed electronically. Patrons are encouraged to be wary information consumers and try to determine the reliability of their sources.

This Internet access policy was approved by the Prairie du Chien Memorial Library Board of Trustees on January 19, 1998.

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