Computer Use & Internet Policy

Prairie du Chien Memorial Library offers free public internet access, wireless internet access, and computer access to all library users. Computer users must comply with all local, State, and Federal laws and this policy. By logging onto any of the library's computers or wireless signal you agree to the terms of this acceptable use policy.

Minors' Public Computer Use

- Minors' computer use is a joint responsibility of the user and the parent/legal guardian. Parents are encouraged to supervise their children's Internet sessions. It is the responsibility of a child's parent or guardian to decide 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.
- Internet access at the Prairie du Chien Memorial Library is not monitored or restricted by staff.

Reserving a Computer

- All patrons may use the computers for up to 30 minutes at a time or more unless there are other patrons waiting to use the computers
- Computer reservations are for study rooms with computers only

Behavior on Public Computers

The internet is a dynamic, uncontrolled, and sometimes explicit information environment. Access, use, or dissemination of information via the internet in the Library is the responsibility of the user. The Prairie du Chien Memorial Library filters all internet computers and wireless signals available through the library. 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. Patrons who do not do so are at risk of losing access to library computers.

Prairie du Chien Memorial Library Computer, Internet and Wireless Users Will NOT:

- Send, receive or display any graphic materials depicting nudity and/or sexual acts that may be reasonably construed as obscene or pornographic by community standards
- Libel, slander, bully, or maliciously offend others
- Attempt to crash, degrade the performance of, or gain unauthorized access to the library's computer system and networks
- Damage equipment, software, or data belonging to the library or other users
- Use the internet for any illegal or unethical purposes

Consequences for Unacceptable Computer Use

Computer or wireless use may be suspended or revoked at any time for unacceptable behavior including, but not limited to, violation of the above guidelines or any other library policy. Repeated violations will be documented in Incident reports that will be forwarded to the Library Director. Consequences may include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal reminder of library policy
- Termination of computer use for the remainder of the day
- Suspension of computer use for any length of time
- Permanent revocation of computer use

Printing

Printing is available for public computer users and is $.25 per page.

Liability

- The Library cannot assure the integrity of data downloaded by users
- The Library is not responsible for damage or corruption of computer users' personal data, disks, or equipment
- Wireless users are responsible for their own equipment and usage

Library Staff

- Library staff cannot operate computers on behalf of library users.
- Library staff may aid patrons with Internet and computer use as time permits.
- Library staff cannot offer individual personal instruction.
- Formal instruction may be offered at the library at designated times with prior approval.

Use of the Internet may be revoked at any time for inappropriate conduct, which is not limited to the aforementioned guidelines.

Prairie du Chien Memorial Library distinguishes between access to Internet information and selection of library materials. The Library acquires materials based on the Materials Selection Policy. Information found on the Internet is not subject to the same review, and may be biased, incomplete, outdated or incorrect.

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