

The Waukegan Public Library provides access to the Internet, whether through library computers or wireless access, as a source of information, education and communication. The same standards of intellectual freedom, privacy and confidentiality endorsed by the Library for traditional resources apply to electronic media, including Internet usage. In order to access library computers or the Library's wireless network (hereafter referred to as electronic resources) a patron must accept the terms of use as stated in this policy.

#### Terms of Use

- Information transmitted through library electronic resources is unfiltered, unencrypted and unsecured. Privacy cannot be guaranteed.
- The Library shall have no liability for any changes, direct or indirect (i.e. viruses, spyware, etc.) occurring as a result of the use of library electronic resources.
- Patrons are prohibited from making any changes or additions to the Library's network or systems. Violators will be subject to prosecution or suspension or revocation of library privileges.
- The Library does not provide direct technical assistance for use of personal electronic resources or equipment. Information that may assist patrons will be provided upon request.
- The Library is not responsible for the content accessed through library electronic resources. Parents and guardians of minor children are responsible for their children's use of all library resources.
- The Library is not responsible for the actions of patrons using library electronic resources. Patrons will be held liable for any damage their actions may cause.
- Viewing inappropriate Internet pages including pornography and other inappropriate material or performing any illegal activity is a misuse of library electronic resources and will be subject to prosecution and suspension or revocation of library privileges.

#### Provisions and Conditions

- Library patrons have the right to equitable access without charge, as available resources permit.
- The Library provides access to leased online resources and identifies a broad range of useful and qualified Internet sites through the Library's website.
- Library patrons are responsible for accepting and following the terms of service for sites accessed through library electronic resources.
- Patrons with fines in excess of the current fine threshold (see *WPL Operating Policy*) will not be allowed to reserve a library computer.
- Should a person be observed by library staff viewing child pornography, which is illegal under local, state and federal statutes, or performing any other illegal act, law

enforcement authorities will be contacted immediately. When law enforcement authorities are contacted, patron records will be turned over to them.

- Library staff has the right to terminate an Internet session for failure to follow the Terms of Use. The Executive Director has the right to restrict or ban a patron for misuse for an amount of time subject to his discretion.

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**Policies that are required by statute are automatically amended to reflect any changes in said statute.**

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