

Internet Use Policy

Purpose:

Clinton Public Library is committed to providing internet access connecting library users to the world of information and to provide equal access for all individuals in the community. The internet policy is established to ensure appropriate and effective use of this resource.

The library's wireless unsecured system provides the opportunity to integrate electronic resources from information networks around the world with other library sources. However, not all sources on the internet are accurate, complete, legal, trustworthy, or up-to-date.

Clinton Public Library has no control over the content found on the internet. Libraries do not vouch for or endorse the viewpoints for electronic information. Parents/guardians are responsible for instructing minors about safe use of personal information (name, address, password, telephone number, school or work, credit card information, social security number) or any other personal information on the internet.

Expectations:

- Users should be aware they are working in a public environment shared by people of all ages.
- Respect other library patrons by not disrupting their use of the library resources.
- Library users are individually responsible for their own access, use or dissemination of information via the Internet in Clinton Public Library. Unacceptable use will result in suspension or revocation of Internet privileges.
- Illegal uses of library computers or wireless networks may also be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.
- Users agree to follow the "Clinton Public Library Internet Policy" and to contact staff if they experience concerns.
- Parents/guardian's must assume responsibility for their child/minor's use of the library's internet service. Children 9d years and under must use the internet accompanied by a parent /guardian the entire time they are at an Internet Workstation.
- Library staff may assist users with library equipment when available and time allows.
- Computer users must sign in on computer/Internet log before each use.
- Computers in children's area are for use by children through age 8
- Library Users are asked to contribute for the cost of any printing.
- Copyright law of the United States (Title17, U.S. Code) protects created works (including email, text, music, videos, web sites, images, programs or data). Except as permitted by

fair use or copyright exceptions. Clinton Public Library users may not reproduce, display, or distribute copyright materials. Responsibility for any consequences of copyright infringement lies with the user.

Unacceptable:

- Harassment of others
- Use of the resources for any purpose that violates federal, state, or local laws.
- Slandering or maliciously offending other users
- Infringing on the rights and privacy of others
- Unauthorized disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal information regarding minors.
- Violation of software licensing agreements
- Attempting to crash, degrade performance , gain unauthorized access to the Library's or other computer networks
- Destruction of or damaging equipment, software or data belonging to the Library or Library Users
- Failure to follow Clinton Public Library Policy Guidelines for Computer and Internet use.
- Exposing Children to harmful materials as outlined Sec. 948.11 of the Wisconsin State Statutes
- Overuse of system resources such as bandwidth
- Illegal uses of library computers or wireless networks may also be subject to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.

Consequences:

- Failure to use the equipment appropriately and responsibly may result in restriction or suspension of computer/internet privileges.
- Any damage to library technology may be charged to the user.
- Illegal use may be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.
- The parent(s)/guardian are responsible for all costs of repairs caused by their child/minor's negligent/destructive behavior.

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