

Wanaque Public Library Internet Access Policy

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This policy, as well as applicable state and federal laws, applies to all Internet use and wireless Internet access at Wanaque Public Library.

By accepting this Internet Access Policy when logging on to a public computer at the library, a user indicates that he or she has read the Internet Access Policy and agrees to abide by it. By connecting to the library's wireless network, users also agree to abide by the Internet Access Policy.

Overview

Wanaque Public Library offers its patrons access to the educational, informational, and recreational resources available on the Internet. The Library does not guarantee the authenticity, accuracy, or timeliness of material obtained via the Internet. Since the Internet is an unregulated information network, it may provide material that falls outside the scope of the Library's mission and collection development policies.

Individual users must determine the suitability and reliability of the materials they access. Library staff does not regularly monitor or supervise Internet access; however, the Library may implement software and hardware control mechanisms to screen out information which the Library determines to be inconsistent with its mission and service roles.

Wireless Use

The library wireless network is an open public network that is accessible to anyone with a wireless device. The library assumes no responsibility for changes or damage to wireless devices' configuration, settings, operation, or data files, resulting from connecting to the wireless network. Virus and security protection are the user's responsibility. The library staff may not configure your computer.

Who May Use the Public Computers

The library's computers are available to all users. The wireless network is available to all users with wireless devices.

Children under 18

The Children's Reading Room provides computers with filtered Internet access that aims to block out content deemed objectionable by CIPA. Users should note that no filtering technology is foolproof nor does it guarantee protection from material that some may personally find inappropriate. Regulation of access by minors (users under 18 years of age) is the responsibility of their parents or guardians. Parents are encouraged to discuss the use of the Internet in relation to values, beliefs and boundaries with their

children. This is not the role or responsibility of Wanaque Public Library.

Access to Computers

Computer use is on a first come, first served basis, with a one-hour time limit. If no one is waiting, usage time can be extended, up to three hours total per day.

The library's wireless network is a shared bandwidth. Connection strength may vary within the building and connection speeds are not guaranteed.

Printing

Printing from public computers is available in either black and white or color. Library patrons are not permitted to use their own paper in the library printer. Refer to the Fine and Fee Schedule (appendix A) for current printing fees.

Conditions Governing Use

Internet access may only be used for legal purposes. The responsibility for copyright infringement or any other misuse of the Internet lies with the user. The Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from such use.

1. Users are permitted to print or download files to their own storage media. The Library is not responsible for damage to storage media or computer systems that may result from viruses contracted through downloads.
2. The Library cannot guarantee privacy or security for any user. Personal information such as credit card numbers or Social Security numbers may be intercepted and misused if transferred electronically. Patrons should use caution when accessing personal and financial information on a library computer. The library is not responsible for damage that may result from information accessed, transferred or downloaded by the user.
3. Users may not attempt to alter or damage computer configuration, software or equipment. Vandalism to the Library's computers or network, hardware, software, and/or data, will result in termination of user privileges and potential legal action.
4. Normally, the Library staff does not monitor or supervise Internet access. However, if Internet use results in disruption of Library services, or if patrons access materials that may be considered improper for an open public environment, the Library reserves the right to end any Internet session.