

Internet Policy

In response to advances in technology and the changing needs of the community, the Chippewa Falls Public Library endeavors to develop collections, resources and services that meet the informational, educational and recreational needs of the community.

The Chippewa Falls Public Library does not use filtering devices to control information accessed through the Internet, nor does the library bear responsibility for its content. As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

ACCEPTABLE USE GUIDELINES

All users of electronic information resources, including the Internet, are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner consistent with the purposes for which they are provided, and to follow these guidelines:

- • Use resources for educational, informational and recreational purposes only; not for unauthorized, illegal or unethical purposes.
- • Respect the privacy of others by not misrepresenting oneself as another user, by not attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords or data belonging to others and by not seeking unauthorized access to any computer system or damaging or altering software components of any network or database.
- • Respect the privacy of others using public access workstations by not interfering with their use.
- • Make only authorized copies of copyrighted or licensed software or data.
- • Do not send, receive or display text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene.
- • Do not alter the setup or configuration of library hardware or software. Users are advised to exercise caution when sending personal information over the Internet. Logging out your session will re-boot the workstation. Learning to use the Internet is best done by doing. Although library staff are able to offer searching suggestions and answer some questions, they cannot provide in-depth training on Internet use.
- • Computer time slots can be reserved in person; reservations cannot be made over the telephone.
- • Users will be limited to a set number of sign-ups per day.
- • Staff reserves the right to limit individual time use.
- • The library does not provide e-mail accounts.
- • U.S. copyright law (Title 17, U.S. Code) prohibits the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials, except as permitted by the principles of fair use. Users may not copy or distribute electronic materials (including electronic mails, text, images, programs or data) without the explicit permission of the copyright holder. Any responsibility for any consequences of copyright infringement lies with the user; the library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from such use.

- • The library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility arising from access to or use of information obtained through its electronic information systems, or any consequences thereof, such as debts incurred from forpay services.
- • Just as libraries do not vouch for or endorse the viewpoints of written material in their collections, they do not do so for electronic information. *Selection policies which serve to govern a library's purchase of written materials may not apply to material accessed electronically. The Chippewa Falls Public Library has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for the accuracy or validity of its content.*
- • Library staff assumes that children under 18 years of age who are unattended in the library have parental permission to use library resources, including the Internet.

Library staff reserves the right to monitor use of the Internet workstations to ensure compliance with this policy. Staff may ask users to remove themselves from then library equipment if they observe any behavior which they judge to be in conflict with this policy. Misuse or abuse of library computers or Internet access may result in suspension of library privileges. Persons found to have tampered with or altered any element of the computer or network setup will be required to make restitution as determined by the library director.

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