

Wahoo Public Library Internet and Computer Use Policy

General Rules

The Wahoo Public Library provides equitable access to programs, services, and materials to the community with the understanding that it is the individual user's responsibility to use good judgment, show respect for others, and use appropriate conduct while using the library's resources and facilities.

Library computers are available for public usage. The Wahoo Public Library does not monitor or control the information accessed on public computers and cannot be held responsible for its contents. Library patrons use computers at their own discretion.

The Internet computers used by children under the age of 13 have been installed with a technology protection measure (TPM) which follows the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). The library is not responsible for the operation of, or the failure of this filtering system.

All library computers may only be used for legal purposes and may not be used to harass, libel, or slander others, or to perform unauthorized copyright-protected material. The computers may not be used to access illegal materials such as child pornography.

Parents and legal guardians, not the library or its staff, are responsible for the Internet information accessed by their children. Parents who have concerns about what is accessible on the Internet are encouraged to supervise in person their child's Internet sessions. The library staff does not supervise Internet content for patrons of any age.

Library staff will do its best to assist our computer users in the basics of the Internet or in-house computer programs. However, library staff should not be expected to provide in-depth training on the Internet or other computer functions.

Code of Conduct

1. Users will not use equipment for illegal activities.
2. Time limits on computer usage may be enforced and will be determined by the task being done and by the availability.
3. Users will not make any attempt to gain access to restricted files or networks or to damage or modify computer equipment or software.
4. Users may not download illegal information.

Other Conditions

Users may have their sessions terminated for disruptive behavior, misuse of the computer, improper disabling of filtering software, damaging library property, or illegal activity.

If a library employee believes a computer user has failed to comply with this Internet Use Policy of the Code of Conduct, s/he may be barred from using the library computers for up to 2 weeks.

A patron who deliberately damages the library's computers will be required to pay for any costs associated with repair or replacement of computers.

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