Internet and Computer Use Policy

Policy

The North Hampton Public Library provides electronic services and internet access as part of its role as a source of information, intellectual development and enrichment for the community. In so doing the Board of Trustees endorses the New Hampshire Library Association Statement on the Use of Internet Filters.

Some electronic materials, such as CDs and online databases, will be selected for purchase by the professional staff of the Library in accordance with our Collection Development and Maintenance policy guidelines.

The internet is available to library patrons. Patrons are reminded that some Internet sites carry information which is inaccurate, offensive, controversial or inappropriate. The Library does not use filtering software and is not responsible for the quality or content of information retrieved. Library users access the Internet at their own risk.

Transmission of any material in violation of any federal or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, pornographic material, or material protected by trade secret. Use for any commercial purpose is also prohibited.

As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the child's parent or legal guardian. Parents are encouraged to come in with their children and supervise Internet sessions at the Library.

Guidelines for Use of Library Computers
First-time users are required to read and abide by these guidelines prior to accessing online services.

- Patrons shall sign in for computer use at the front desk.
- The library also offers a laptop computer for use in the library. This laptop is configured to provide wireless internet access and the Microsoft Office Suite. Use of the laptop also requires adherence to the Laptop Use Policy (Agreement needs to be signed).
- Patrons may also connect to the internet using their own wireless laptops or other portable devices.
- The wireless connection is not secure and can potentially be intercepted
- Printing is not supported from the wireless network.
- All library policies concerning legal and acceptable use of computers and the internet apply to access through the wireless network.
- Computer users are asked to remember that the library is a public place, and that consideration of other library users is a priority. Displaying text or graphics that may be considered obscene or offensive is prohibited, and computer users who do so may have their computer session terminated by a library staff member.
- Users are permitted to download information to the desktop. Users are not permitted to load or use personal software
- Users may use their own USB flash drive.
- Users shall not alter, modify, add, delete or destroy equipment, software, computer settings or files belonging to the Library, or in any way violate computer security.

- When there is a fault with any equipment or materials, the user will immediately report the difficulty to the library staff. The user will pay replacement or repair costs of any equipment or materials lost or damaged as a result of carelessness or failure to inform staff of a malfunction. Malicious damage will result in suspension of library privileges and/or prosecution on criminal charges.
- Users may print copies on the Library's printer for a fee of 10-cents per page, color printing is .25

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