

Internet Access Policy

Hazen Public Library

This policy is a statement of the Board of Directors of the Library, intended to be used in conjunction with other existing policies to guide administration of open access Internet resources.

Liability

While the library provides due diligence for connectivity, access, and security of data, the library accepts no responsibility for:

- Accuracy of information found online
- Damages resulting from loss of connectivity
- Breaches in security
- Breaches of personal data
- Exposure to or infection by malware
- Lost or misplaced items.

The library accepts no responsibility for what patron's access online. Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children while in the library.

Legal Compliance

The Internet contains all kinds of resources offering many types of information; some information may be offensive to some users. Filtering is provided in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

Library internet access cannot be used to access obscene materials, child pornography, or materials harmful to minors as defined by community standards:

- Whether the average person, applying contemporary community standards (not national standards, as some prior tests required), would find that the work, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest;
- Whether the work depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct or excretory functions specifically defined by applicable state law;
- And whether the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

Prohibited Activities

Library staff members have final authority regarding propriety or patron conduct. Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to:

- Unauthorized access, including hacking
- Piracy
- Accessing or displaying obscene materials
- Cyberbullying

- Bringing food or drink into the lab/computer area
- Identity theft
- Talking on the phone
- Listening to audio without headphones
- Installing software on library computers
- Any behaviors that impair the ability of other patrons to use the library.

Enforcement

Patrons perceived to be in violation of this policy will receive:

1. A verbal warning
2. A written warning, and verbal contact with guardian if a minor (minor cannot return if verbal contact has not been made)
3. Banishment from use of the library's public Internet computers.

Printing Charges

Patrons will be charged \$0.25 for each page printed.

Wi-Fi

Access to Wi-Fi is covered by the terms of this policy.

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