

**NORTHBROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY
INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

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Welcome to the Northbrook Public Library's Internet Access Service

The Internet is offered as a privilege to our patrons as part of the Library's mission: to provide access to materials beyond the Library's own collection according to the informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of the community. While the Internet can be used for a variety of purposes, the Library actively supports only those functions that relate to its mission and services. With the exception of the Library's website, all of the information found on the Internet has been generated outside the Library. Some Internet sites may contain inaccurate, incomplete, outdated, unsecured, offensive and/or controversial material. All Internet resources accessible through the Library are provided equally to all users, with the understanding that it is the user's responsibility to demonstrate good judgment, respect for others, and appropriate conduct while using library resources. All rights and responsibilities of Internet access pertain both to Library equipment and that owned by users of the Library's network.

Optional Use of Filtered Workstations and Parental Responsibilities

The Northbrook Public Library supports the right and responsibility of parents to direct use of the Internet by their children, and provides convenient access to filtered Internet workstations with the intent of filtering pornographic sites. Filtering software (which is produced by an outside vendor and is not completely under library control) may restrict access to sites which could be deemed objectionable, but may also limit access to sites which have legitimate research value. No filtering system is completely effective or efficient and unsuitable sites may still be occasionally accessed for which the library takes no responsibility. If a patron believes that a website has been improperly blocked, the patron can use an unfiltered workstation to access the site or notify a Librarian in the department of the filtered site. If notified, the Librarian can then determine if the filtering software can be changed to allow for access to the site, if it was inappropriately blocked. Filtered workstations have been provided, but Library staff will not require any patron, child or adult, to utilize filtering software for their research. Parents and legal guardians of children under eighteen are responsible for both determining the limits of their children's access to the Internet and providing the respective guidance to them.

Rules of Conduct - User Responsibilities

Internet access may be used only for acceptable purposes. Examples of illegal and/or unacceptable use include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Threats of violence/endangerment of others, obscenity, child pornography, gambling, and harassing communications as defined by law.

2. Violation of copyright laws
3. Violation of software license agreements
4. Intentional propagation of computer viruses
5. Attempting to change, or changing Library computer equipment, software settings, or files belonging to the Library, other users, or external networks and Web sites
6. Attempting, or assisting, unauthorized access to any library computer system or other networks or devices.
7. Damaging the Library's computer system or data.
8. Deliberately accessing obscene materials and/or websites.

Other User Responsibilities

1. Users under the age of 18 may not give out personal information on library terminals
2. Users must respect the privacy of other users
3. Users will not represent themselves as another person, real or imagined
4. Two users, by mutual agreement, may share one terminal if their behavior and conversation do not disturb other users or library staff
5. Users must end Internet access when asked to do so by authorized library staff due to a violation of this policy. Other suspensions of privilege may occur, including access to Library property, consistent with the Public Code of Behavior for Patrons. The number and length of access sessions available per day, per user, and reservation procedures on library equipment may be established or modified by the librarian in charge.

Disclaimer and Enforcement

The Northbrook Public Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility arising from access to our network or use of information obtained through its electronic information systems, or any consequences thereof. The Library's Wi-Fi signal should be considered unsecured. Users bear all responsibility for protecting their own devices.

Violation of the terms of this agreement may result in Internet privileges being suspended or revoked, and may include contacting law enforcement authorities and/or legal action if determined appropriate. Future Internet use privileges and/or other library privileges may be modified and/or suspended in their entirety at the discretion of the Library.