

HELEN PLUM LIBRARY

U-7 Internet

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Use of the Internet

The Library urges library patrons to be informed consumers and carefully evaluate information obtained via the Internet. The determination of the accuracy of any information found on the Internet is the responsibility of the patron.

The Library is not responsible for damages, indirect or direct, arising from a library patron's use of Internet information resources, or Internet access.

Any attempt to break into or gain unauthorized access to any computers or systems from the Library's wireless network is prohibited.

Privacy

Privacy of personal information used on the Internet may be at risk. Internet communications may be secure but the responsibility for determining security is on the user. The patron is responsible for any personal information that they send out through the Internet. Patrons who are transferring confidential information are strongly encouraged to safeguard their confidentiality.

Filtering

Internet access provided by the Library is not filtered.

Eligibility for Use

Any valid Library cardholder is eligible to reserve an Internet workstation at any time, subject to availability, in accordance with the time limits and any other usage restrictions set forth in the Internet Acceptable Use Rules.

Patrons under the age of 18:

Parents are expected to monitor and supervise their children's use of the Internet and Wi-Fi at the Library.

Rules for Use

The Library Director is authorized to issue rules concerning, but not limited to, such topics as unacceptable behaviors, time limits on the equipment, fees for printouts, instructions for downloading files including compliance with virus protection measures, and use of personal software.

It is the responsibility of each user to obey all local, state, and federal laws when using the Internet, including but not limited to copyright, fraud, obscenity, and privacy legislation. A user acknowledges that unauthorized reproduction, transfer or use of material accessed through this service may be a criminal offense under the United States Copyright Act, except as permitted by Fair Use regulations. Use of the Internet to access sites that are obscene, pornographic, or contain material harmful to minors is prohibited.

Wireless Connectivity

Users are responsible for antivirus, antispyware, firewall, security, and privacy protection.

Users are not required to provide authentication (special encryption settings, user names, or passwords) to use the wireless network.

Parents and legal guardians are responsible for supervising their minor children's access to the Library's wireless network.

Users are responsible for knowing how to configure their own equipment. Library staff members are permitted to provide general information for connecting devices to the wireless network but may provide technical assistance with wireless-enabled devices as time and staff knowledge permits.

Patron Assistance and Instruction

The Library staff will provide assistance to patrons in the use of electronic information networks as time and staff knowledge permits.

Breach of Policy

Violation of any aspect of either this Internet Policy or the Internet Acceptable Use Rules may result in the loss of Library privileges and wireless access. Actions that violate federal, state, or local laws will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. If appropriate, the Library may also pursue criminal prosecution.