

East Brookfield Public Library

INTERNET USE POLICY

The Internet allows users to connect to networks of resources outside the library. The library recognizes each patron's right to use his/her time on the computer in whatever manner he/she chooses, as long as it does not violate library policy or use for illegal acts.

The library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet. Information on the Internet may be reliable and current or it may be inaccurate, out-of-date, or unavailable at times. The library cannot be held responsible for the content of the Internet. Given the size and constantly evolving nature of the Internet, there may be occasions when information of a controversial nature is accessed. Some sites may contain material that is considered by some to be defamatory, offensive or even illegal. The East Brookfield Public Library does not endorse the viewpoints, or vouch for the accuracy of information obtained online.

Parents and guardians of children under the ages of 18 are responsible for deciding what library materials are appropriate for their children. Supervision or restriction of a child's access to the Internet, as with other library resources, is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

It is not acceptable to use Internet access for any purposes which violate federal or state laws and/or library policies. Examples of unacceptable use include, but are not limited to: harassment; libeling or slandering others; violation of computer security systems, unauthorized use of computer accounts, access codes, or network identification numbers assigned to others; destruction or damage to equipment, software or data belonging to the library or other users; disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications; unauthorized copying of copyright-protected materials.

Staff will assist patrons with Internet use as time permits but cannot offer personal instruction.

Violations of this policy will result in loss of computer privileges and may result in the loss of library privileges. Please refer to our Behavior Policy. Illegal acts involving library computing resources may also be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.

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WIRELESS INTERNET USE POLICY

East Brookfield Public Library offers wireless "WiFi" access to the Library's Internet service. When you use the Library's Internet service you are accepting the Library's Internet Use Policy. Please take the time to read the policy before accessing the network.

The Internet is a public communications network, which means that there can be untrustworthy parties between you and anybody you communicate with.

Please be advised: You are responsible for your own computer security while using the wifi network. Wifi is an unsecured system. WiFi poses the same risks to your personal information that a wired network poses, as well as some additional risks. WiFi users need to educate themselves about these risks, and take steps to secure their personal information. Cautious WiFi users may choose not to transmit their credit card information and passwords while using any WiFi "hotspot", including the Library's. The Library cannot assure the safety of your data when you use either our wired or wireless Internet access.

**Please note that the library staff cannot assist you with your personal devices or their configuration, because the library cannot accept the liability of handling your equipment.
The Library shall not be responsible for any loss of data or damage to personal equipment.**

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