

La Porte County Public Library  
**WI-FI AND COMPUTER POLICY**

Information resources will be used by community members with respect for the public trust in accordance with policy and regulations established by the Library's Board of Trustees and Administration.

**INTERNET DISCLAIMER**

The Internet enables the Library to provide information beyond the confines of its own collections. It allows access to ideas, information, and commentary from around the globe and a vast array of tools and resources for different age levels and points-of-view. The Internet contains materials of a controversial nature. The Library does not endorse the viewpoints or vouch for the accuracy of information obtained through the Internet. Selection policies, which govern the Library's purchase of materials, are not applicable to material accessed via the Internet.

**ACCEPTABLE USE**

All computer use will be managed in a manner consistent with the Code of Conduct Policy which is posted in the Library. Violations of this policy may result in the loss of Library computer use privileges.

**Users agree not to:**

1. Use the Internet for malicious purposes. Examples include hampering others' Internet use, intentionally developing programs that bother other users, hacking a computer or computing systems, gaining access to information or resources without permission by the owners or right holders, distributing unsolicited advertising, spreading computer viruses.
2. Break any local, state, or federal law.
3. Conspire to commit crimes.
4. Conduct illicit transactions.
5. Access pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material.
6. Violate copyright (see below) and license laws.
7. Vandalize or disable the property of the Library.
8. Disrupt other users by engaging in inappropriate behavior including excessive volume, either in conversation or from headphones

Any user whose conduct violates federal, state or local laws will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Violations will result in the loss of Library computer use privileges. La Porte County Public Library will cooperate with the proper authorities in the investigation of illegal activities.

## **USE OF INTERNET COMPUTERS**

1. You must present either a library card or a picture ID to use the Internet computers. If you do not have your Library card, in order to use the unfiltered internet computers, you must present a picture ID with your birthdate on it to Library staff.
2. Internet computers have a time limit of 60 minutes per session. If no one is waiting, you may continue to use the computer.
3. Library staff members have the right to ask a customer to relinquish the use of a computer.
4. Parents/guardians should assist children.
5. Failure to adhere to any of the above-mentioned rules may result in revocation of Internet computer use privileges at the Library.

## **CHILDREN'S USE OF INTERNET COMPUTERS**

1. Parents or guardians assume responsibility for their children's use of the Internet.
2. Children under the age of 18 may have unrestricted access to the public Internet computers in the Main Library and at all branch libraries, if given permission by a parent or guardian. An "Internet Parental Permission Form" signed by a parent or guardian is required.
3. Children under the age of 18 may have access to filtered Internet at all La Porte County Public Library locations at designated computers. No special permission is required from parents or guardians to use these computers.
4. When accompanied by a parent or guardian, all children under the age of 18 may have unrestricted access to the Internet.
5. All use must comply with the Acceptable Use guidelines as listed below.

## **USE OF WI-FI**

1. Wi-Fi access is free.
2. The wireless connection is on an unsecured network.
3. The Library is not responsible for customer hardware or software damage.
4. The Library is not responsible for theft of unattended equipment.
5. The Library reserves the right to terminate a wireless Internet session at any time.
6. Regardless of Wi-Fi source, wireless Internet users on Library premises must:
  - Comply with the Library's Acceptable Use Guidelines for the Internet as described above
  - Use sound muffling headphones or mute sound to avoid disturbing others,
  - Not intercept or receive data not intended for you.

**Copyright Warning:** Use of the internet of the Library connection in violation of U.S. copyright law is prohibited. The unauthorized reproduction or distribution of a copyrighted work, including infringement without monetary gain, may constitute a crime punishable by up to 5 years in federal prison and a fine of \$250,000.

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