

Norwalk Easter Public Library

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INTERNET AND COMPUTER USE POLICY

The Norwalk Easter Public Library is committed to supporting the broad range of cultural, educational, informational, and recreational needs and interests of its customers and the community by making available the latest internet-related information technology, tools, and resources.

Responsibilities of the Users

The Norwalk Easter Public Library does not regulate patrons from accessing web-based resources/information. Consequently, any information that is gained via the internet is the responsibility of each individual patron and not library personnel. Each patron is responsible for evaluating the validity, reliability, and accuracy of the information found. As with other library materials, the Library affirms the right and responsibility of parents and/or guardians to guide, determine, and monitor their children's use of the Internet.

Policy

1. The Library does not filter internet content. Staff may, however, limit images displayed on screens in order to ensure the comfortable environment of the Library.
2. The Library is not responsible for enforcing any restrictions which a parent or guardian may place on a minor's use of this resource.
3. Use of the Library's internet connection in an illegal, disruptive, or destructive manner may result in the loss of internet or library privileges. This includes violating copyright laws, intellectual property rights, or software licensing agreements.
4. Using another patron's library card to log onto a computer without that patron's permission may result in the loss of internet or library privileges.
5. The Library is not responsible for any loss of data, damage to personal equipment, or personal liability that may occur from use of its internet connection.
6. The Library cannot guarantee confidentiality on the Internet nor will it guarantee the use of a secured or unsecured site.

Guidelines for Usage

- Public internet access is provided at designated computer work stations and through wireless network connections available in the building.
- Time limits are placed on library equipment in order to provide access to as many users as possible.
- Outstanding charges/fines must be paid before computer use is allowed.
- Staff will provide assistance as time and expertise permit. If more assistance is required, patrons are encouraged to set up 1:1 technology appointments with library staff as schedules allow.
- Children under the age of ten must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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