

HELEN M. PLUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY

U-7. Internet Policy. Adopted by the Library Board of Trustees, March 8, 2016.

USE OF THE INTERNET

The Helen M. Plum Memorial Public Library District 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 Helen M. Plum Memorial Public Library District is not responsible for damages, indirect or direct, arising from a library patron's use of internet information resources, or internet access.

PRIVACY

Privacy of personal information used on the internet may be at risk. Internet communications should not be considered secure. 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.

FEES FOR ACCESS

The Library does not charge fees for access to the internet computers.

FILTERING

Internet access provided by the Library is not filtered.

ELIGIBILITY FOR USE

Any valid Lombard 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.

Any person 18 years of age or older may request a guest pass to use an internet workstation. Guest passes may be limited to one per person per day, depending on PC availability, and 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.

If the parent or legal guardian provides permission, approval will be kept on file with the library, the child will be granted access to the internet. Parents or adult caregivers

may give verbal permission to a staff member to allow a single session use and this will not be retained on file.

If a parent or legal guardian has not provided permission for internet access the staff member will assist the child with internet searches as time and staff knowledge permits.

Written permission for children or adults does not apply to wireless connectivity. Wireless connectivity is open to users of any age.

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, priority usage for accessing the online catalog, 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

The Library provides access to the wireless network free of charge.

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.

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

PATRON ASSISTANCE AND INSTRUCTION

The Helen M. Plum Memorial Public Library District's 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.