Electronic Access Policy

The use of any Internet workstation and the wireless network in Bossier Parish Libraries constitutes an acceptance of its Electronic Access Policy. Patrons reaffirm this agreement each time they access the Internet in the Library.

Introduction

In conjunction with its mission to open doors to ideas and information by providing access to an array of materials, programs, and technologies that inform, educate, and entertain, the Bossier Parish Library offers the privilege of Internet access for educational, research and information purposes. This privilege, however, carries with it personal responsibilities.

Rights and Responsibilities of Users

The Internet enables access to a wealth of valuable and reliable information from a variety of sources. However, it also provides access to information that may be inaccurate, controversial, personally offensive to the viewer, or inappropriate for children. As a largely unregulated electronic domain, the Library cannot be held responsible for its content. Bossier Parish Library is responsible only for data on those pages pertaining specifically to the Library.   Individual users must exercise judgment in evaluation the validity and appropriateness of information retrieved via the Internet and must assume personal responsibility for its use.

Parents, not the Library, are responsible for the use of library resources by their children. In compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), children are not allowed to:

- Access the Internet and World Wide Web inappropriately
- Use electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications
- Pursue unlawful activities online, including hacking
- Give out personal information online

Acceptable Use

The freedom to access information is a fundamental right, but use of library equipment is a privilege. This includes the use of personal devices that use the wireless capacity of the library. Users must follow all library rules as defined in the *Appropriate Library Use Policy*.

In order to access online resources at the Library, the following conditions must be met:

- Respect for the privacy of other users
- Respect for the legal protection provided by copyright law and license agreements for programs and data
- Respect for the integrity of data, information technologies, properties, and equipment
- Users will not use library's computer network for obscene, pornographic, and/or illegal purposes, or in support of such activities. Illegal acts may subject violator to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities
- Patrons can attach appropriate accessories and peripherals, such as flash drives, headphones/ear buds, and the like, to the Library's public computers but shall not install their own software. Best-effort security software is in place to discard any user content left on a library computer's hard drive.

Requirements for Use

- The library has software that manages access to public computers. Internet workstations are on a first come, first served basis, and is limited to a timed period. Extensions of time limits may be granted at the Library's discretion

- The library offers free, unsecured wireless Internet access, along with remote printing at all locations and use of this network is entirely at the risk of the user. Abuse of this network could result in bandwidth limitations per user or per device.

- Users must have a current library card in good standing (patrons with delinquent accounts can sign up for a Temporary Internet Usage Pass (see *Materials Lending Policy).*

- There is a per page charge for printing (see *Fines and Fees Policy).* Printing must be completed and collected before the Library closes. Print jobs are retained up to two hours after submission, after which are deleted from our system.

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