

Roseville Public Library

Computer and Internet Use Policy

General Statements Regarding Internet

Internet Access. The Roseville Public Library is an information/reference resource center for the City of Roseville. As such, it provides information in a variety of formats, including electronic. The Internet enhances the Library's existing collection in size and depth. It allows access to ideas, information, and commentary from around the globe. This policy applies to both the Library owned computers and wireless access available at the Library.

Validity of Information. The Internet offers access to a wealth of information and Internet sites including useful ideas, information and opinions from around the world. However, not all sources on the Internet provide information that is accurate, complete or legal. Internet users will need to evaluate for themselves the validity of the information found.

Library does not Endorse Information on Internet. However, because the Internet is a vast and unregulated information network, it also enables access to information, ideas and commentary beyond the confines of the Library's mission, selection criteria, and collection development policies. The provision of access does not mean or imply that the Library endorses or sanctions the content or point of view of any of the information or commentary that may be found on the Internet.

View Internet at Own Risk. The Internet may contain information that is controversial, sexually explicit or offensive. Users are cautioned that ideas, points of view and images can be found on the Internet that are controversial, divergent and/or inflammatory. Because of this and the fact that access points on the Internet can and do change often, rapidly and unpredictably, the Library cannot protect individuals from information and images which they might find offensive, disturbing or inaccurate. Library patrons use the Internet at their own risk. Parents or guardians of minor children are responsible for their child's use of the Internet through the Library's connection as state more fully below.

No Liability. The Library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from its connections to the Internet.

Nature of the Public Library Setting.

Respect Others. Because Library users of all ages, backgrounds and sensibilities are using the computers, Library patrons are asked to be sensitive to other's values and beliefs when accessing potentially controversial information and images.

Use with Caution of Risks. Users are cautioned that, because security in an electronic environment such as the Internet cannot be guaranteed, all transactions, files and communications are vulnerable to unauthorized access and use.

Monitoring Use. Public Use Computers are internet stations that are located so that they can be monitored by staff for assistance and security.

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Procedure for Use.

Reservation/Time Limits. Use of computers with internet stations is available on a first-come-first-served basis. If all computers are in use, patrons may add their name to a reservation list. Each user is limited to a total of three hours per day. The time limits are as follows:

Unfiltered internet terminals are limited to one hour sessions.

Filtered access terminals are limited to half hour sessions.

Catalog only computers require no logins and have no time limit.

If no one is waiting, the User may use the terminal for additional sessions beyond the three-hour maximum.

Authorization For Computer Use. All Users must have a valid library card to login to any of the computers. Patrons not eligible for a library card may purchase a Computer Guest Card. All patrons may be asked for identification and proof of age.

Staff Assistance. Library staff provides limited assistance for basic start-up procedures. Several circulating books on Web searching are available. However, the Library cannot guarantee that Internet-trained staff will be available to assist users at all times the Library is open. Because of the many different applications available on the Internet, staff may not be able to provide specialized or technical knowledge about a particular application.

Closing Time. Internet terminals will begin the shut down process 15 minutes before closing.

Printing. Printing is available from most computers at a cost. These print jobs will be directed to a high volume printer located at the circulation desk. Printing is not available on the catalog only computers.

Internet Use by Minors -- Patrons Under 18 Years of Age, 2000 PA 212.

Responsibility of Parents and Legal Guardians. As with other materials in the Library's collection, it is the Library's policy that parents or legal guardians are responsible for deciding which Library resources are appropriate for their children. The Library urges parents and guardians to discuss Internet use with their children and to monitor their use of this educational tool.

Access for Patrons Under 18 years of Age. Patrons under 18 years of age wishing to access the Library's Internet must use the filtered computers in the Youth Room. Parents or guardians are responsible for monitoring the use of the minor's Internet use. Michigan law prohibits minors from accessing obscene matter or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors. As a result, Library Staff will also monitor use by minors less than 18 years of age. By supplying a

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minor with a PIN, parents or guardians allow the minor access the Internet in the library, per the statement on the minor's library card application.

Acceptable Use.

All users of the Library's Internet connection and workstations are expected to use this resource in a responsible and courteous manner, and to follow all rules and procedures as established in this policy.

Lawful Use. The Library Internet connection and workstations shall be used in a lawful manner. The Library's Internet and workstations cannot be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purpose prohibited under any applicable federal, state or local law, including, but not limited to, accessing material that can be classified as obscene or child pornography.

Intellectual Property. Users must respect intellectual property rights and obey the copyright laws of the United States and all other intellectual property rights. Responsibility for any consequences of copyright infringement lies with the user. The Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from such use.

Use Must Not be Harmful to Minors. Michigan law prohibits users from allowing minors access to sexually explicit materials harmful to minors. Internet Users shall not permit any minor to view sexually explicit material or any other material deemed harmful to minors.

Compliance with Code of Behavior. The same rules apply to the use of the Internet as with the use of any other Library materials. The Library has adopted a Patron Behavior Policy. All Internet Users must comply with the Library's Patron Behavior Policy, which shall be posted in the Library.

Privacy. Users must respect the privacy of others by not misrepresenting oneself as another user; by not attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords or data belonging to others; and by not seeking disallowed access to any computer system via the Internet. Failure to leave a computer terminal upon the expiration of the allotted time is a violation of this Policy.

Personal Software Prohibited. The Users shall refrain from use of personal software, the attachment of equipment to the Library's computers or networks or the modification of any operating system or network configuration.

System Modifications. Users are not permitted to change or alter the security setup, operating systems, pc management system, the network configuration or any other configuration of any Library computer workstation without authorization.

Purpose; Prohibited Uses. The Library's Internet resources should be used for educational, informational and recreational purposes only. The Library's Internet Access shall not be used

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for personal profit or commercial activities, including the sale of goods and services or fund raising. The Library Internet is intended for information gathering only.

Damage. Computer workstations must be used in a responsible manner and Users must take care with use of the equipment. The User shall be responsible for repayment of any costs to the Library for damage to the computer terminals or system.

Limit on Number of Patrons at Terminal. No more than two Users can access any single terminal at one time.

Violations of Internet Use Policy.

The Library Director or the Director's designee may restrict access to Library facilities by (1) terminating or limiting computer, internet access at Library facilities; (2) immediately dismissing the patron from the premises; (3) suspending the patron's access to Library facilities for a set period of time; or (4) by denying access to specific services and/or programs pursuant to this Policy. If necessary, the local police may be called to intervene.

Incident Reports. Library Staff shall record in writing in the form of an Incident Report any violation of this Policy that resulted in a verbal warning or a suspension of Library privileges. By the end of the day on which the incident occurred, an Incident Report shall be written and forwarded to the Library Director for logging and review. The report should include physical descriptions in addition to the name of the patron. A copy of the suspension of privileges letter should be attached, if applicable.

Violation of the Policy – Suspension of Privileges. Unless otherwise provided in this Policy, (See Section C below), the Library shall handle violations as follows:

Initial Violation: Library patrons observed violating this policy will be asked to cease the violation with a verbal request. If the patron does not comply with the request, he or she will be asked to leave the building for the day. If he or she refuses, police may be called.

Subsequent Violations: The Director or the Director's authorized designee may further limit or revoke the patron's Library privileges if infractions continue. Such limitation or revocation shall be in writing specifying the nature of the violation. Subsequent violations of the same rule shall result in additional suspensions of increasing length.

Violations that Affect Safety and Security: Violations involving violations of law (including child pornography and allowing minors to view sexually explicit or other material deemed harmful to minors), violence, threatening behaviors, sexual harassment, vandalism, theft or attempted theft, sexual misconduct or any behavior that threatens the safety and security of staff and/or patrons shall be handled as follows:

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Initial Violation: The police will be called immediately. If the conduct constitutes a violation of local, state, or federal law, arrest or criminal prosecution may ensue. Violations of this nature will result in an immediate minimum two-week suspension of Library privileges. The Incident Report shall specify the nature of the violation.

Subsequent Violations: The police will be called immediately. If the conduct constitutes a violation of local, state, or federal law, arrest or criminal prosecution may ensue. The Director or the Director's authorized designee, may further limit or revoke the patron's Library privileges in escalating responses, which will be documented in writing. Subsequent violations of the same rule will result in additional suspensions of increasing length.

Reinstatement. The patron whose privileges have been limited or revoked shall attend a meeting with the Director or the Director's designee to review the Library Patron Behavior Policy before their privileges may be reinstated.

Civil or Criminal Prosecution. Illegal acts involving the Library's Internet access service may be subject to civil or criminal prosecution.

Right of Appeal.

Patrons may appeal a decision to limit or revoke privileges by sending a written appeal to the Library Board within 10 working days of the date the privileges were revoked or limited. The appeal should be sent to the President of the Library Board. The decision of the Library Board is final.

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