INTERNET & COMPUTER USE POLICY
LOCKPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The mission of the Lockport Public Library is to be the life-long learning center of its community. In support of this mission, the Lockport Public Library offers community access to the Internet. The Internet, as an information resource, enables the Library to provide information beyond the confines of its own collections. Internet access for library patrons is a logical extension of the public library concept--open access to networks of resources for all segments of the community--in this case, through an electronic rather than print medium.

To maximize availability of this service for all potential users, please follow these procedures and guidelines:

- In offering Internet access, the Lockport Public Library cannot guarantee that information found through the Internet is accurate, authoritative, or factual. We cannot be held responsible for its content. Nor can the library control access points that often change rapidly and unpredictably.

- Reference Department
    - Computers in the Reference area are for patrons age 13 and up.

- Children's Department:
    - Computers in the Children's Department are reserved primarily for children age 12 and under. As with other library materials, supervision or restriction of a child's access to the Internet is the responsibility and right of the parent or legal guardian.

- All Internet and computer users must present their own public library card valid for use at the Lockport Public Library.

- Internet access is on a first come first served basis

- Unless staff approval has been given, there is a maximum of one person at a computer at a time.

- Library staff's availability to help users with basic computer use or with Internet access is limited. We cannot offer personal instruction.

- Anything downloaded to or saved on the hard drive is temporary, and the library is not responsible for any loss of data that may occur.

- Users will be charged for printouts.

- The computer may be used for legal purposes only. Unacceptable purposes include but are not limited to the following:

  -Destruction or damage to the equipment, software, or data belonging to the library
  -Unauthorized copying of copyright protected material
  -Violation of computer security
  -Violation of software license agreements
  -Violation of user privacy
  -Viewing of obscene, pornographic, or otherwise inappropriate material

- Misuse or abuse of the computer or Internet access may result in suspension of Internet and/or Library privileges. The Library has the right to revoke Internet privileges for <u>any</u> violation of the acceptable use policy**. In accepting this policy, users agree to abide by all library policies.**

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