

Lakes Country Public Library Internet Use Policy

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Purpose: The Library Board establishes this Internet policy to ensure appropriate use of Internet resources within the Library.

The Library provides workstations for free public access to the Internet as an informational, educational and recreational resource. The Library expects that all use of electronic information resources such as the Internet will be responsible and consistent with the purpose for which these resources are provided. This includes:

- Using resources for educational, informational and recreational purposes, not for unauthorized or illegal purposes.
- Respecting 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; by not seeking unauthorized access to any computer
- system, or damaging or altering software components of any network or database.
- Respecting the privacy of others using public access work stations at Lakes Country Public Library by not interfering with their use.
- Making only authorized copies of copyrighted or licensed software or data.
- Not making unauthorized changes to the setup or configuration of the software or hardware.

The Lakes Country Public Library assumes no responsibility for the use of the Internet by children. Subject to the above restrictions, it is the responsibility of the user (or the parent, guardian or care giver) to determine what is appropriate. Children and young adults should discuss their Internet use with their parents. It is not possible for library staff to control specific information children and youth may locate on the Internet. Just as libraries do not vouch for or endorse the viewpoints of written material in their collections, they do not do so for electronic information. Selection policies which serve to govern a library's purchase of written materials may not apply to material accessed electronically.

The Library staff may impose restrictions, such as time limits, on the use of Library equipment. Staff may ask users to remove themselves from Library equipment if they observe any behavior which they judge to be in conflict with this policy. Misuse or abuse of Library computers or Internet access may result in suspension of Internet access privileges.