



Clinton Community Library

INTERNET AND WIRELESS INTERNET USE POLICY

The Internet allows users to connect to networks of resources outside the Library. There is no charge for use of the Library's Internet or wireless Internet functions.

The Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet. It is the responsibility of the user to evaluate the quality, accuracy, authenticity or timeliness of information, ideas, points of view and images found on the Internet. The Library assumes responsibility only for the information provided on its website. In choosing sources to link to its website, the Library follows its materials selection guidelines. The Library cannot be responsible for changes in content of the sources to which its website links or for the content of sources accessed through secondary links.

Patrons may use the Library's Internet and wireless Internet functions to access web-based services as long as these services do not require any alteration of the Library computers' resources or files, and all such use is in compliance with the Computer Use Policy and all applicable laws. Patrons may not install software on Library computers. Patrons may download to a flash drive.

Internet access from a Library computer is available on a first come/first served basis with voluntary ceding of a workstation if another patron is waiting. Library business will take precedence over patron use.

Wireless Internet Functions Supported

The Library provides unfiltered wireless Internet connectivity for users with wireless enabled devices. Patrons will need a notebook/laptop computer or other device equipped with a wireless card that supports the current Wi-Fi standard. Patrons are responsible for knowing how to configure their own equipment. Library staff will not provide technical assistance and cannot guarantee that a user's hardware will work with the Library's wireless connection. If a user has problems accessing the Internet over the Library's connection, staff will not assist in making changes to the user's network settings or perform any troubleshooting on the user's own computer. Users should refer to their owner manual or other support services offered by their device manufacturer.

The Library assumes no responsibility for damage, theft or loss of any kind to a user's equipment, software, data files or other personal property brought into or used at the Library. Users must keep their equipment with them at all times and may only use electrical outlets in public areas.

The Library cannot guarantee that wireless Internet connectivity will be available at any specific time nor can the Library accept reservations for wireless access. The wireless service is not to be used as a permanent Internet connection. Any use of the wireless Internet connectivity that exerts an exorbitant strain on the Library's network and compromises patron and staff use is not allowed.

Access by Minors

Parents or legal guardians must assume responsibility for deciding which Library resources are appropriate for their own children. It is not possible for the Library staff to control specific information children may locate on the Internet. As stated in the Computer Use Policy, all children under the age of 10 must be supervised by a parent or designated adult while using computers in the Library.

Public Users' Security

The Internet is not a secure medium and there can be no expectation of privacy when using it, whether accessed from an internal or external site. Any information being sent or received over the Library's Internet function could potentially be intercepted by another Internet user. An informed Internet user should not transmit credit card information, passwords and any other sensitive personal information. All wireless access users should have up-to-date virus protection on their personal laptop computers or wireless sources.

The Library takes no responsibility for the safety or security of information obtained or transferred via the Internet or saved on a storage device attached to Library equipment. Users of the Library's Internet or wireless Internet functions assume all associated risks and agree to hold the Library, its officers, agents and employees harmless for any personal information that is compromised or for any damage caused to users' hardware or software due to electric surges, security issues or consequences caused by viruses or hacking.

Misuse of Internet Access

In accordance with federal and state laws and regulations, patrons are not permitted to use the Library's computers and the Library's Internet or wireless Internet functions for any illegal or criminal purpose, including but not limited to harassment, stalking or unauthorized access to any computer systems, or in a manner disruptive of another person's work. Violation of federal, state or local laws, including but not limited to the transmission of pornography or harmful material, fraud, hacking, spamming and illegal downloading of copyrighted material, is prohibited. Patrons may not send, receive or display text or graphics that may reasonably be construed by Library staff as offensive to the public. The Library is not responsible for what is displayed on computers connected to the Internet. Misuse of the Library computers or Internet or wireless Internet access may result in the loss of computer privileges.

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