

Barneveld Public Library

LIBRARY COMPUTER USE AND INTERNET ACCESS

SCOPE OF ACCESS

In accordance with the American Library Association's "Library Bill of Rights" the Barneveld Public Library does not use blocking or filtering software to limit access to Internet sites.

- The library has no control over information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content.
- Patrons use library computers at their own risk, realizing that they may encounter material they find offensive, this includes information accessed via patron's wireless devices.
- The responsibility for materials that minors read or view on the Internet rests with the parent/guardian.
- Individuals must accept responsibility for evaluating content. The availability of information does not constitute endorsement of the content by the Barneveld Public Library.

ACCESS TO LIBRARY COMPUTERS

- Users must sign in at the circulation desk to use library computers.
- Computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The time allowed is one hour per session when others are waiting. Once informed of a waiting list, patrons who have already spent an hour at a computer must end their session within 15 minutes.

LEGAL AND ACCEPTABLE USES

The Library's computers and/or the Library's wireless internet service may be used only for legal purposes. Users of all ages must abide by the following restrictions. Unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Transmitting of threatening, harassing, or obscene materials including but not limited to communications, postings, or attachments;
- Libeling, slandering or maliciously offending other users;
- Disrespecting the privacy of others by misrepresenting oneself as another user.
- Attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others;
- Attempting to crash, degrade performance of or gain unauthorized access to the Library's computer systems and networks;
- Modifying or damaging equipment, software or data belonging to the Library or other users.
- Exposing children to harmful materials. Sec. 948.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, among other things, makes it a crime to expose children to pictures or images of nudity, sexually explicit conduct, or physical torture or brutality that appeal to the prurient, shameful or morbid interests of children, are patently offensive to prevailing adult standards regarding materials suitable for children, or lack serious literary, artistic, political, scientific or educational value for children.
- Violating U.S. Copyright law (Title 17 US Code) prohibiting the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted material, except as permitted by the principles of fair use.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Privacy and security while using the Internet in the Library cannot be guaranteed. In general, electronic communication is not absolutely secure and is subject to outside intervention and/or monitoring.

- Users' computer screens might be seen by other Library patrons, staff, and by network administrators in the usual performance of their duties.
- Customers handling financial transactions or other activities that require confidentiality do so at their own risk.
- The Library does not maintain a history of and will not retrieve any information about patrons' computer use.
- Patrons are advised to close the browser and log off after using Library computers. This practice will delete information such as the websites visited, passwords, credit card numbers, or other information a patron has entered.
- Any documents saved on Library computers may be seen by other users and are deleted daily.
- Patrons are advised not to store information, documents, or data on the Library computers. The Library recommends using a data storage device, such as a flash drive, or an online data storage host, such as Dropbox or Google Docs.

WIRELESS

- The library provides free, unsecured, wireless Internet access for public use.
- Security for personal wireless devices rests solely with the owner of the wireless device.
- Users of the Library's wireless internet must accept this policy before using the service. Personal use of the library's public wireless access will conform to policies regulating other types of public Internet access provided by the library.

ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATION

The Director will review alleged violations of this policy on a case-by-case basis. Violations may result in disciplinary action up to and including revocation of all Library access privileges and/or appropriate legal action.

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