

Internet Use Policy

The Internet is a gateway to a vast and ever-expanding network of educational, recreational and commercial information. Much of the information that is instantly available is valuable and enlightening, however, the user may find material that is unreliable, offensive or illegal.

The Library cannot monitor, and has no control over, the content or its informational quality available through the Internet and assumes responsibility only for the information provided on its home page.

Conditions and Terms of Internet Access in the Library

All users must have a SALS/MVLS member library card and be a borrower in good standing. Visitors from beyond the library's service area (ie. SALS/MVLS or UHLS) or out of state who wish to access the Internet may do so with a valid photo identification such as a license or passport. Visitor access is at the discretion of the director and is defined as temporary, lasting no longer than 7 days.

All prospective users should read the policy and procedures pertaining to Library computer and Internet usage. By using Library computers, it is understood the user acknowledges having read the policy and agrees to abide by it.

Generally, computer time will be allotted in 30 minute segments. Time will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. However no one may exceed two hour's use per day. Staff reserves the right to further limit usage time during periods of high demand. Printing is available for a fee on a per page basis and must be completed during the allotted time period.

Users may access online email accounts (ie. Yahoo, Gmail, etc.) to read, write or print out personal email. Attachments will be unavailable to users in order to help prevent the spread of computer viruses. Users who access social networking web-sites (ie. Instagram, Twitter or Facebook) that incorporate instant messaging features must do so in a manner that does not impugn others in or outside the library (ie. cyberbullying or cyberstalking). In addition downloading software or audio/video files from library networks is prohibited. Staff reserves the right to deny anyone access to the Internet through Library networks if that persons actions are deemed disruptive or offensive.

Waterford Public Library has a wireless network that can be accessed for no charge by customers who have a laptop with a wireless card. Patrons should be aware that the library's wireless network is not secure. Information sent from or to your laptop can be captured by anyone else with a wireless device and the appropriate software, within three hundred feet. Library staff is not able to provide technical assistance and no guarantee can be provided that you will be able to make a wireless connection. The Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment or for laptop configurations, security, or data files resulting from connection to the Library's network.

Users may not tamper with computer hardware or software, or attempt unauthorized entry into any computer system, or vandalize or destroy computer files, or knowingly spread computer viruses. Such activities are a crime under state and federal statutes