

POLICY 340
INTERNET ACCESS AND PUBLIC COMPUTER USE

The Lisle Library District (LLD) offers access to the Internet for both adults and children. Patrons with valid library cards are welcome to use the computers at no cost, except for a minimal charge for printouts. Patrons with valid library cards from other Illinois libraries may apply for a reciprocal barcode to use the seated computers in Adult and Youth Services. Those visiting the area from out of town, or who aren't eligible for a library card, may obtain a visitor's pass to use the public computers. Visitor's passes are available at the Circulation Desk. The LLD has standing, express-internet terminals in the building for short-term, online access. No library card or pass is required to use these standing terminals unless printing is desired. The LLD utilizes a PC activity management system to monitor computer time and provide printing capabilities.

The LLD assumes no responsibility for any loss or damage to data, directly or indirectly, from the use of LLD computers. The LLD assumes no liability for any loss or damage due to privacy issues regarding online accounts, programs, or files. The LLD does not guarantee that Internet access or computers will function error-free or uninterrupted.

PATRON RIGHTS

The LLD supports the rights of all Library users to access information and will not deny access to the Internet based on age or any other classification. Library patrons have the right to:

- Confidentiality and privacy in the use of public computers to the extent possible, given certain constraints such as proximity of other patrons and staff in a public setting.
- Equitable access to public computers and the Internet.

CHILDREN'S ACCESS TO THE INTERNET

The LLD recognizes that the Internet may contain material that is inappropriate for children. The LLD strongly encourages parents/guardians to discuss appropriate Internet use and safety issues regarding online activity with their children.

Parents/guardians are expected to monitor and supervise their children's use of the Internet while on LLD property. Parents/guardians, not LLD staff, are responsible for the Internet information accessed by their children. Parents/guardians may actively restrict their children's access to the Internet via the Library.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF USERS

The Internet provides resources beyond the LLD's physical collection. The LLD does not assume responsibility for material accessed via the Internet because information obtained via the Internet:

- May or may not be reliable or obtained from a reliable source.

- May or may not be accurate or current.
- May be considered controversial and/or objectionable by some Library patrons.

The LLD is a public institution, and all patrons must comply with the ethical and behavioral standards as set by the LLD Code of Conduct. Viewing or audibly listening to material that is deemed inappropriate for a public space, will result in staff intervention and may result in suspension of LLD privileges or expulsion from the facility/property and/or police involvement.

STAFF ASSISTANCE AND INSTRUCTION

LLD staff may provide computer/Internet assistance to patrons as time and knowledge permits. Staff cannot provide in-depth training outside of LLD-facilitated computer classes.

LEGAL AND ETHICAL USE

LLD computing resources may only be used for legal purposes and in accordance with the LLD Code of Conduct. Examples of unacceptable purposes/activities include, but are not limited to:

- Harassment or defaming others.
- Destruction, damage, unauthorized access, or alteration of the LLD's computer equipment, software, or network.
- Internet use that violates Federal or State law.
- Database use that violates licensing and financial agreements between the LLD and database providers.
- Unauthorized duplication of copyright-protected or other material, or violation of license agreements, or plagiarism.
- Consuming large amounts of system resources, deliberately crashing systems, or causing degradation of system performance.
- Behaving in a manner that is disruptive to other users, including, but not limited to, denying access to other users.

SANCTIONS

Violation of any policies described above will be dealt with in a serious and appropriate manner. Violators may lose Library privileges or may be subject to prosecution by local, State, or Federal authorities.

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