



INTERNET USE POLICY

General

The Glencoe Public Library (Library) offers internet access that allows patrons to connect to resources outside the Library. Library patrons may access the internet via library-provided computers or via the Library's wireless network using their own devices. While the internet can be used for a variety of purposes, the Library actively supports only those functions that relate to its mission and services.

With the exception of the Library's website, all of the information found on the internet is generated and maintained by entities outside the Library. Websites may contain inaccurate, incomplete, outdated, unsecured, offensive, and/or controversial material. The Library has no control over the information accessed through the internet and cannot be held responsible for its content.

Access and Content

Internet access is provided equally to all patrons, with the understanding that it is the patron's responsibility to demonstrate good judgment, respect for others, and appropriate conduct while using resources. All rights and responsibilities of internet access pertain both to library-owned equipment and personal devices used on the Library's network. Internet content is protected by the First Amendment, which guarantees the freedom of speech.

Although the Library makes every effort to maintain a secure network, it cannot guarantee the privacy or security of any online transaction. Additionally, computers are located in open, public spaces in the Library. Each user should exercise caution when using the internet to avoid unauthorized disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal information.

Children's Department public computers are available to children and their parents or caregivers. Adults unaccompanied by children are required to use public computers located on the main floor of the Library. As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the internet is the responsibility of the parent or caregiver. Parents and/or caregivers are encouraged to monitor and supervise their children's internet use and to discuss with their children issues appropriate use and safety. Library staff will not restrict children's use of the internet unless they are engaged in any of the unacceptable activities listed below.

All library patrons are expected to comply with the guidelines for acceptable use set forth below.

Unacceptable internet activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Any created content or action that results in the harassment of other users including, but not limited to, threats of violence, endangerment of others, and obscenity
- Use that violates a federal or state law
- Deliberately accessing obscene materials and/or an obscene website

- Destruction of, or damage to, or unauthorized alteration of the Library’s computer equipment, software, or network security procedures
- Use that violates licensing and payment agreements between the Glencoe Public Library and network/database providers
- Unauthorized duplication of copyright protected software or violation of software license agreements
- Intentional propagation of computer viruses
- Violation of any security systems
- Violation of the privacy of another user or library patron
- Behavior that is disruptive to other patrons or library staff
- Disregarding time limits established to facilitate equitable use of library equipment

Library staff may provide assistance to patrons in the use of electronic information systems as time and staff knowledge permit.

Disclaimer and Enforcement

The Library is not responsible for any direct or indirect damages that may arise in connection with a patron’s use of the internet or the Library’s wireless network. The Glencoe Public Library expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility resulting from access to its wireless network or use of information obtained through its electronic information systems, or any consequences thereof. Users bear all responsibility for protecting their own devices.

Violation of these terms may result in suspension or revocation of library privileges. Use of computers for illegal activity may also be subject to prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

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