

## **Northville District Library Policy on Internet Access**

As part of its mission to provide access to information which meets the educational, cultural and recreational needs of the Northville community, the Northville District Library offers its users access to the Internet, either on designated computers or through wireless access in the Library. While the Library will make all reasonable efforts to have its computer systems running during open hours, it cannot guarantee that the internet connection will always be available or operating at a high speed.

The internet offers access to rapidly changing, diverse and unpredictable global electronic information, and therefore contains material that could be considered controversial. The Northville District Library has no control over the information resources accessible via the internet, and cannot be held responsible for the quality, accuracy, or currency of an internet site.

The Northville District Library and its officers, directors, and employees shall not be held liable for any direct or indirect damages which accrue from using the internet. In addition, the Library assumes no responsibility for the security and privacy of online transactions.

The Northville District Library's computers use anti-virus and anti-malware software. The Library accepts no responsibility for computer viruses or malware resulting from use of its computer equipment or internet service. Users are responsible for having appropriate anti-virus and anti-malware security protections in place on their own drives and other devices.

The Library's wireless access points are unsecured connections to the internet. The Library is not responsible for data transmitted or loss of information over the wireless network. Users should be aware that third parties may be able to obtain information about users' activities when using the wireless service to connect to the internet.

The Library's internet access may not be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purpose, including activities prohibited under applicable federal or Michigan laws. Illegal uses include, but are not limited to, harassing, slandering or libeling others; unauthorized or illegal access attempts; disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communication; and copyright infringement. Any viewing, possessing, or manufacturing of child pornography is illegal and prohibited.

The Library does not use filters to restrict access to the internet. In compliance with the Michigan Library Privacy Act, MCL 397.606, Library staff monitor internet usage in order to prevent a minor from viewing obscene matter or sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors. However, parents or legal guardians have the ultimate responsibility for supervising their children's use of the internet.

Guidelines that detail specific procedures for using the internet at the Northville District Library, such as sign-up, time limits, and printing, are posted by the internet computers and are available at all service desks. These are subject to change, and are regularly reviewed to assure that internet access is equitable and fair.

Failure to comply with the *Policy on Internet Access* or any related internet guidelines will result in consequences, including denial of access to the internet at the Northville District Library, and if warranted, police notification.

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