

Dolton Public Library District

Internet Computer Safety Policy

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Dolton Public Library District makes the Internet accessible in accordance with their mission to provide information resources and services to ensure that all residents have free and open access to ideas and information. In this role, the library provides access to information resources available on the Internet. The library has no control over the information obtained through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content or accuracy. It may contain materials which some find offensive or inappropriate. Library users access the Internet at their own discretion.

In accordance with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) [Public Law 106-554], all library computers are equipped with filtering software. The software is set to screen out sites which may reasonably be construed as obscene, as that term is defined in section 1460 of Title 18, United States Code; or child pornography, as that term is defined in Section 2256 of Title 18, United States Code; or harmful to minors as defined in Section 1703, Public Law 106-544.

As with other library resources, restriction of a child's use of the Internet is ultimately the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian, within the confines of the law.

The library assumes no responsibility for damages, direct, or indirect, for the use of the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, damage to personal or office computer equipment caused by virus-laden material downloaded from any Internet site. Users are encouraged to purchase and use a virus detection program on their home and office computers.

Internet users should be aware that it is not a secure medium. It is possible for third parties to obtain information regarding an individual user's search activities. Users should be very cautious about providing personal information over the Internet.

User Responsibilities

All users of electronic information resources such as the Internet are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner, consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which they are provided. If users fail to comply, access to the library's computer resources may be suspended.

- Conduct: Users must observe the Library Code of Conduct as it specifically relates to use of library computer resources. Users should conduct themselves by exercising good judgement, acting in an appropriate and responsible manner.
- Copyright: For any purposes which violate applicable U.S. or State Laws, users must respect all copyright laws and licensing agreements pertaining to software, files and other resources obtained via the Internet.
- Equipment: Users may not tamper with or reconfigure equipment, software, or data belonging to the library.
- Legal Use: Users may not use the library's computer equipment for engaging in any illegal activity; such as but not limited to sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as either obscene or child pornography by community standards.
- Downloads: Downloading executable files to the hard drive is not permitted.
- Privacy: Users must observe the right of others to privacy.
- Software: Use of non-library software is not permitted.
- Sounds and Visuals: Users shall refrain from the use of sounds and visuals, which disrupt the ability of other library patrons or the staff to use the library and its resources.
- Sharing Computers: Users may work together at a single workstation as long as they do not crowd others or become disruptive.
- Viewing of movies on DVD: Movies on DVD may not be viewed on library computers. In part, this policy is to help ensure that the public computers, which are a limited resource, are available for homework, job searches, resume writing and other essential tasks, which the library views as priority activities. Additionally, many movies on DVD contain scenes not suitable for viewing by children who may be in the computer area.

Library Cards & Computer Slips

Patrons who wish to use the library computers can do so, using their library card or they can purchase a computer slip. Computer slips provide patrons with computer access only. Computer Slips can be purchased in increments of \$.25 for 15 minutes or \$1.00 for an hour of computer time. Library cards and computer slips are nontransferable – they may not be shared, borrowed, or lent to, or used by anyone other than the registered patron matching the card.

Printing

Only library-provided paper may be used in the library printers. The cost of printing is 10 cents per page for black and white or 25 cents per page for color.

Wireless Internet Access

The Dolton Public Library District offers free wireless Internet access. The library's wireless network is unfiltered. By choosing to use this free service, you agree to abide by the library's Internet Policy. Due to the fact, that the library's wireless network is open and unsecured, it is strongly recommended that you do not use it to transmit personal, financial or legal data. The library is not responsible for any compromised information and will not assume any responsibility for the safety of equipment or for harm done to a wireless device's configurations, security or data files resulting from connection to the library's wireless service.

Violations of the Internet Safety & Ethical Use Policies

Users violating these guidelines will be advised of the library's policy for ethical use and asked to comply. Users who repeatedly violate these guidelines after previous warnings will be restricted from using the library's computer services on that occasion. The library reserves the right to prohibit violators from future access or use of the computer services. Illegal acts may subject violators to prosecution by local, state or federal authorities.