COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE POLICY

In accordance with the American Library Association Library Bill of Rights, the Rockford Public Library provides unrestricted access to the Internet, including its wireless network.

Computer and Internet Use Eligibility

1. The Library's computers are available to those customers who are library patrons in good standing.

2. For nonresidents, a guest privilege to use the computers will be granted by showing valid identification.

3. Parents or guardians, not the Library or its staff, are responsible for the Internet information selected and/or accessed by their children. Parents are advised to supervise their children's Internet sessions.

4. The library's wireless network is available to all library users who have their own wireless device.

By choosing to use the free Internet and/or computers you agree to abide by the Library's Internet and Computer Rules. Those in violation of these rules risk losing their privileges and in the case of illegal activity risk prosecution.

Internet and Computer Rules

- ❖ **All Internet and Computer Use:**
    - The Internet contains content which may be offensive to some. If the nature of the content being viewed at the Library may disturb other Library users, the viewer will be asked to cease.

- Library users are responsible for any consequences of copyright infringement through their use of Library workstations and the wireless network. Unauthorized, illegal, or unethical activities are prohibited and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

- The use of the library's computers and wireless network is free however the library charges a nominal fee for printing.

- Staff will attempt to provide general assistance to those using the library's computers and Internet network. However, staff cannot provide extended one on one instruction for use on the computers or Internet. Patrons looking for instruction in computer and Internet use are encouraged to ask staff about training opportunities either through the library or elsewhere in the community.

❖ **Wireless Users Only:**

- The laptop owner is responsible for setting up their equipment to access the library's Wireless network.

- The Library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment brought into the building; users must keep their equipment with them at all times.

❖ **Library Workstations Only**

- The Library's computers offer 60-minute sessions. If no one is waiting to use a computer, users may be given the option to extend their current session. However, computer users will be limited to one session on the computer per day.

- The library workstations are for use by one person only. Exceptions to this rule (as in the case of a person using a relative for assistance or students working on a project together) must be made at the discretion of library staff.

- Patrons must not knowingly damage the library's computers or circumvent the security of the library's network.

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