



Internet Usage

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The Rowan County Public Library (“the Library”) provides access to the internet and other electronic services via Library-owned equipment, as well as through personal devices via wireless networks. In order to ensure a minimum standard of service for all users, the Library reserves the right to limit bandwidth at its discretion.

By using the internet through Library equipment or networks, the user agrees to hold the Library harmless from any claims, losses, damages, obligations, and/or liabilities to that use and to abide by the guidelines established herein.

FILTERING

The Library employs content filtering software in an attempt to:

- Limit access to material considered pornographic and/or harmful to any person under the age of 18 years; and
- To comply with applicable Federal law(s).

However, no software can achieve total effectiveness; therefore, restriction of internet usage by legal minors and/or adults in the care or guardianship of another is the responsibility of the parent(s), caretaker(s), and/or legal guardian(s).

CHOOSING SOURCES

The internet is unregulated and information, media, and/or material accessible through it may be inaccurate, incomplete, outdated, biased, inappropriate, and/or offensive. As the Library has no control over this content, individuals interact with it at their own risk. Users are cautioned to evaluate and access websites and applications carefully.

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APPROPRIATE USE

Users of Library-owned equipment, networks, software, and/or other services shall not attempt in any way to alter, damage, abuse, and/or sabotage such. Persons shall not use Library equipment, networks, software, and/or services for any illegal activity, nor for any activity which creates an intimidating and/or hostile environment. Any damage or illegal and/or prohibited activity shall be reported to appropriate law enforcement agencies. Inappropriate internet usage shall result in the loss of internet access and/or Library privileges, as well as the blocking and/or disconnection of devices.

DOWNLOADS

Users may download software and/or files from the internet and/or from Library computers to a portable storage device or to a piece of personal equipment. Use of Library equipment, systems, and/or devices therefore constitutes a user's acknowledgment that files downloaded from the internet may harm user devices and/or violate copyright law(s). Users are cautioned to have antivirus software and/or other security measures in place and to follow all applicable laws.

WIRELESS CONSIDERATIONS

Wireless internet ("Wi-Fi" or "WiFi") access provided by the Library is unsecured. All responsibility for antivirus measures, general security, and privacy protection rests solely with the user. Custom configuration of WiFi equipment to allow specific device access is unavailable. The Library is not responsible for any theft, damage, and/or misuse of patron devices while such devices are in Library facilities or on Library premises.