The Burlington Public Library is committed to being a center of expanding knowledge for the community it serves and to responding to the multi-faceted needs of its patrons by offering free and unrestricted access to a balanced mix of books, media and information technology including the Internet.

General Internet Policy

While the Internet is a powerful tool providing access to a wealth of information beyond the confines of the library's own collection, some information accessed through the Internet may not be current, accurate or complete. Some material may be considered offensive or inappropriate.   By choosing to use the Internet you agree to abide by the Library's Acceptable Use Policy that prohibits abusive or illegal activity while using the library's Internet service. Inappropriate use includes but is not limited to:
1. accessing, transmitting, uploading, downloading or distributing pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials;
2. violating any local, state, or federal statutes;
3. violating copyright;
4. harassment of others;
5. downloading onto library computer hard drives;
6. damaging or destroying equipment, software, or data belonging to the library. Inappropriate use will result in immediate termination of the patron's Internet privileges.

Internet workstations are located in public areas of the library which are accessible to patrons of all ages, including children. As such, internet users are subject to the rules regarding appropriate behavior in the library. Library staff may monitor patrons' Internet use to ensure that library policies and behavior guidelines are being adhered to.

The Burlington Public Library does not censor or filter information on the Internet and, further, does not restrict access to the Internet by minors. Parents or guardians are responsible for monitoring and supervising their children's access to and use of the Internet while in the library.

Library staff may enforce a time limit of one hour on all Internet workstations when other patrons are waiting to use the workstations.

The Burlington Public Library is responsible only for the information on its home page, and cannot assume responsibility for the content, accuracy, completeness or nature of any other information found on the Internet.

As with printed matter, material obtained from the Internet may be subject to copyright laws which govern the making of reproductions of copyrighted works.

Flash Drives or floppy disks may be used to download information off the Internet or to save information that the patron is working on.

Wireless Internet Policy

The library offers wireless Internet access in both the adult and children's area. Signal strength may vary in the building. There are no printers available for use on the wireless network.

Library staff will provide general information on how to access the Internet via our wireless connection, but will not make any changes to your personal computer and can provide no troubleshooting or technical support beyond what is addressed on the general information sheet. Users are responsible for the network settings on their own machines.

Wireless networks are less secure than a wired network and users should use caution when choosing to transmit passwords, credit card numbers, or other confidential information. The Burlington Public Library cannot be held responsible for any information that is compromised while using the wireless Internet service, nor can it be held responsible for any damage to users' hardware or software caused by viruses, hacking, or other security issues on the network.

Users of the wireless Internet service are bound by the same Acceptable Use Policy (see second paragraph) as users of the regular Internet workstations and are subject to the same consequences if the guidelines are not adhered to. Inappropriate use will result in immediate termination of the patron's internet privileges.

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