Computer, Devices, and Internet Use Policy

The Drummond Public is providing access to computers and internet to enhance the information and learning opportunities for the citizens of the library service area. The Board of Trustees have established the Computer and Internet use policy to ensure appropriate and effective use of this resource.

Access to the computers and internet is available to all patrons, whether or not they are a card-carrying member of this or any library in the NWLS system; however, this service may be restricted at any time for use not consistent with the guidelines. Parents of minor children (under 18 years of age) must assume responsibility for their children's use of the library's internet. Children 12 and under are not permitted to use the computers without parent or sibling 16 and older.

EXPECTATIONS:

Users should be aware that inappropriate use of internet information resources can be a violation of local, state, and federal laws and can lead to prosecution. The user will be held responsible for their actions using the internet. Users are expected to abide by the policies below which include generally accepted rules of network etiquette. Unacceptable uses of the service will result in in the suspension or revocation of computer and internet use privileges.

WARNINGS:

The internet is a decentralized, unmoderated global network: The Drummond Public Library has no control over the content found there. The library does/will not censor access to material nor protect users from offensive information and is not responsible for the availability and accuracy of information found on the internet.

The library cannot assure that data files downloaded by users are virus free. The library is not responsible for damages to equipment or data on a user's personal device from the use of data downloaded from the library's wireless services (WIFI).

The use of the internet and email is not private. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the proper authorities.

GUIDELINES:

- Users may use the computers, devices, internet and WIFI for research and the acquisition of information to address educational, vocational, cultural, and recreational needs.

- Users may use the computers, devices, internet and WIFI for the receipt and transmission of email if they use an email service which will establish and maintain an account for them; the library is unable to manage email accounts for any individual or organization.

- Internet use is offered in one-hour sessions on first come first served basis; each user is allowed to use the computer for a longer time lot if there are no other patrons waiting to use it. The first patron at the computer is expected to give up their station. **Gaming is not a necessity.**

- Users will respect and uphold copyright laws and other applicable laws and regulations; they will not use it for illegal purposes.

- Users will respect the rights and privacy of others by not accessing private files or view objectionable or illegal materials.

- Users agree not to incur any costs for the library through their use of the internet, computers, and devices. (i.e., Amazon Kindle purchases) You will be expected to repay those costs.

- Users shall not create and/or distribute computer viruses over the internet through the library's computers or devices.

- Users shall not deliberately or willfully cause damage to computer, devices and equipment, programs, or parameters.

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