

Internet Use and Wireless Access Policy

Mission of the Flossmoor Public Library

The purpose of the Flossmoor Public Library is to acquire, organize, and make accessible the information, materials, and services most wanted by the residents of this Village; to provide opportunity and encouragement for patrons of all ages to educate themselves continuously; and to serve as a convenient point of access for any needed material or information.

Free Access to Information

To help assure equitable access to information, Flossmoor Public Library offers public access to the Internet. The Library is dedicated to protecting and promoting intellectual freedom and it will not control or block information in electronic format.

The Internet is a global collection of computer networks created by a highly diverse population. Flossmoor Public Library urges Internet users to be informed consumers and to carefully evaluate information obtained via the Internet. Although it is a positive tool which provides access to a high volume of valuable information, the Internet also contains sources which may provide inaccurate, incomplete, and out-of-date information. In addition, the Internet contains sexually explicit material and other information which may be controversial, inappropriate, or offensive. Flossmoor Public Library does not assume any responsibility for information located on the Internet. Those who use the Library's Internet access will do so at their own discretion.

Terms of Use

- Library staff members do not serve *in loco parentis*. Only parents or legal guardians are responsible for their children. Parents are encouraged to work closely with their children to select Internet sites which are consistent with their family's values and boundaries.
- Children ages 9 and up may use the Internet without a parent or responsible adult accompanying them.
- Users must possess basic computer skills in order to use the Internet. Library staff will provide basic assistance as their time and knowledge allows; however, staff members cannot provide personal instruction.
- There is a charge for black and white and color printing from the computers at a rate to be set by the Library.
- Please remember that your library card follows the policies of your home library (the library that issued your card). If their policies differ from Flossmoor Public Library's policies, the computer software will default to your home library's policy.

Prohibited Uses

Flossmoor Public Library requires that Library patrons using the Internet do so within the guidelines of acceptable use. The following activities are unacceptable and may result in a cancellation of privileges:

- Behaving in a manner that is disruptive or which could result in the harassment of others. This includes, but is not limited to, the display of offensive material.
- Use of the Internet in any way which violates a Federal or State law.
- Unauthorized duplication of copyright-protected software or violation of software license agreements.
- Destruction of, damage to, or unauthorized alteration of the Library's computer equipment, software, or network security procedures.
- Violation of system security.

Wireless Access

Wireless Internet access is available in the Library. Patrons are welcome to bring their own devices to access the Internet. Use of the Library's wireless network constitutes acceptance of the Library's Internet Use Policy.

Security: The Library's wireless network is unsecured and it is recommended that patrons have current anti-virus software installed on their computers. The Library is not responsible for any damage to a patron's equipment occurring during use of the Library's wireless network. *Patrons' library card information is not part of the wireless network and is 100% secure.*

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