Internet Use and WiFi Access Policy

The Libraries of the Marinette County Consolidated Public Library Service (MCCPLS) have access to a high-speed (T1) connection to the Internet. Users must agree to the following Internet Policy in order to use public Internet workstations at any Marinette County Libraries.

MCCPLS provides free Internet access for the public. The patron's individual library card is used in order to use a computer workstation with access to the Internet. Visitor passes may be available for those patrons without library cards. Length of computer usage is tracked automatically at most locations.

Internet resources are provided equally to all users. Internet users should be aware that he or she may encounter material that is inaccurate, controversial, offensive, or unsuitable for minors. Patron use of the Internet carries with it the responsibility to evaluate the quality of information accessed.

Parents or guardians, not the staff of MCCPLS, are responsible for the use of the Internet by minor children. Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss appropriate use of the Internet and to supervise their child's usage. Parents and guardians may choose to restrict access to the Internet for their minor children (see library staff).

Public Internet workstations are resources intended to provide users with access to knowledge, information and diversity of ideas. All users are expected to use this resource, which includes, but is not limited to, the Internet and Microsoft Office products, in a responsible manner consistent with the educational and informational purposes for which it is provided. Internet workstations may not be used for commercial purposes, including but not limited to running a business, soliciting customers, or conducting large-scale financial transactions.

Users may not use the Internet workstations for any illegal or inappropriate purposes. Use of the Internet is at the patron's own risk. MCCPLS is not responsible for loss of data, privacy breaches, or financial transactions conducted online. The following activities are considered inappropriate and are therefore prohibited:

- Disregarding the privacy of others; misrepresenting oneself as another user; attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others; seeking unauthorized access to any computer system; or damaging or altering software or hardware components.
- Making any changes to the setup or configuration of any software or hardware on the public Internet workstations at any Marinette County Library. Patrons may not download or install software, browser extensions, or applications onto Library computers.
- Interfering with other users while they are utilizing the Internet workstations at any Marinette County Library. Headphones must be used for all audio, and sound must be kept at a level that does not disturb others.
- Making unauthorized copies of copyrighted or licensed software or data.
- Viewing, sending, receiving, or displaying text or graphics which may be reasonably construed as obscene or harmful materials which lack serious artistic, literary, political, educational, or scientific value.

- Mishandling, damaging or tampering with computer hardware.
- Failing to pay for printing.
- Refusing or ignoring a staff person's request to give up a computer.

Patrons are responsible for saving their work to personal storage devices or cloud services. Files may be deleted automatically at the end of each session.

Misuse or abuse of the computers or Internet access (as stated above but not limited to) will result in suspension of six months or, if necessary, termination of Internet access privileges at all libraries.

WiFi Access

Free wireless Internet access is available at all Marinette County Consolidated Public Library Service locations with the use of personal electronic devices. The Marinette County Consolidated Public Library Service policy regarding Internet use applies to wireless access. In addition:

1. Library staff is unable to provide technical assistance.
2. MCCPLS cannot guarantee Internet speed or quality of the connection
3. The MCCPLS's wireless network is not secure. Virus, security and privacy protection are not provided by the library and are the responsibility of the patron.
4. MCCPLS assumes no responsibility for damage, theft or loss of personal equipment, software, data, files or other personal property used in or around the library facility.

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