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Internet Use Guidelines

Library staff is available to assist you in your use of these resources, but may not be familiar with every application you might wish to use. Due to scheduling constraints, there may not be an Internet-trained Librarian on duty at all times. Because of the many different Internet applications available, we cannot provide complete technical support.

Acceptable Use

• All users of electronic information resources, such as NC-LIVE or Internet resources, are expected to use these resources in a responsible manner, consistent with the educational and information purposes for which they are provided and to follow the library’s rules and regulations.
• Respecting the privacy of others.
• Making only authorized copies of copyrighted or licensed software or data.

Unacceptable Use

• It is not acceptable to use the Internet at the Rockingham County Public Library for any purposes which violate U.S. or state laws, to view or transmit threatening, obscene, pornographic or harassing materials, or to interfere with or disrupt network users, services, or equipment.
• Disruptions include, but are not limited to, distribution of unsolicited advertising, propagation of computer worms and viruses, and using the network to make unauthorized entry to any other machine accessible via the network.
• Users may not represent themselves as another person.
• Malicious use is not acceptable. Use of electronic resources, such as the Internet at the Rockingham County Public Library in a manner that precludes or hampers its use by others is not allowed.
• Unsolicited advertising, chain letters, hacking (breaking into or out of any system),
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spreading viruses and/or any other practice that interferes with fair and public use of the Internet at the Rockingham County Public Library and its users are not acceptable.

Examples of unacceptable legal purposes include, but are not limited to, the following:

• Unauthorized access, including hacking and other unlawful activities, such as:
  o Harassment of other users,
  o Libeling or slandering other users
• Destruction of or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the library or other users;
• Disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications;
• Unauthorized copying of copyright-protected material.

Penalties for Violating Internet policy is as follows:

• First Violation – Verbal Warning
• Second Violation – Loss of Internet Privileges for One Month
• Third Violation – Loss of Internet Privileges for One Year

Visitor Use

VISITORS MUST SHOW A VALID PICTURE ID BEFORE USING THE LIBRARY COMPUTERS AND SIGN THE INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE GUIDELINES. VISITORS MAY USE THE LIBRARY’S TEMPORARY CARD FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS, AT WHICH TIME THEY MUST SHOW PROOF OF THEIR ADDRESS (MAIL, LETTER, OR A BILL) AND OBTAIN A LIBRARY CARD.