

Fairport Public Library Internet Use and Safety Policy

Fairport Public Library provides access to a broad range of information through books and a variety of other formats to meet the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of our community. The Internet is an integral part of the resources used to assist library users in finding the information they need.

The Fairport Public Library complies with the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) which requires the use of filtering software for adults, teens, and children. Filtering software may not block all material users might find offensive. As with all library resources, Internet use by a minor is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian. Parents should inform their children of materials they do not want them to use, and may wish to supervise their children's Internet sessions. To help protect their children's safety, Fairport Public Library encourages parents and children to discuss the child's use of email, online chat, and disclosure of personal information over the Internet. Children are required to use their library card for access to the internet if they are in 6th grade or younger, which gives them parental permission. If parents accompany their children to the library, the child may be issued a guest pass.

The Fairport Public Library is not responsible for any liability that may occur as a result of the disclosure of financial or other personal information over the library's public computer services. Users should be aware that use of public computers is not a secure medium and that third parties may be able to obtain information regarding user's activities.

Guidelines for Use:

- Use of the Internet is governed by the Library's Rules of Conduct. The user may not use the Internet for any illegal activity or place any material on the Internet related to any illegal activity.
- Users may not invade the privacy of others or engage in any activity that is harassing, defamatory, or threatening; or receive or display graphics which may reasonably be construed as obscene as defined by law.
- It is the responsibility of the user to respect copyright laws and licensing agreements and assume responsibility for payments of fees for any fee-based service.
- Library staff members are not able to provide in-depth computer training but will answer questions and, as time permits, help users locate and use resources on the Internet or on other electronic resources in the library.
- Internet workstations are accessible by library card or guest pass. With the use of a library card there is a daily time limit of 90 minutes with an additional 90 minutes if at least three workstations are available for use. Guest passes are limited to 30 minutes, with two 30 minute extensions if at least three workstations are available. Time limits are established to provide the opportunity for the maximum number of people to access the Internet workstations.

Users may not:

- Use the library's workstations to gain unauthorized access to the library's networks or computer systems or to any other network or computer system.
- Obstruct the work of others by consuming gratuitously large amounts of system resources or by deliberately crashing any library computer system.
- Display images, sounds, or messages in a way that will negatively affect those who find them objectionable, offensive or disruptive.
- Make any attempt to damage computer equipment or software.
- Make any attempt to alter software configurations in a malicious manner.
- Make any attempt to cause degradation of system performance.
- Use any library workstation for illegal or criminal purpose.
- Engage in any activity which is deliberately and maliciously offensive, libelous or slanderous.
- Represent yourself as another person for purposes of fraud or other illegal activity.

The library reserves the right to terminate an Internet session at any time.

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