The Wilton Public And Gregg Free Library's Internet and Computer Policies

INTERNET USE POLICY

As part of the Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library's commitment to meet the cultural, informational and educational needs of the community and in response to the advances in technology, the Library is pleased to offer public access to the internet.

The internet is an unregulated medium. The library does not provide filters or censorship on content on the internet. The internet provides access to some information that is outdated, inaccurate, or incomplete or that some people may find offensive or disturbing. The library is unable to control or monitor the content of the internet, some of which changes quickly and without warning. Internet resources are not subject to the same selection criteria that the library uses for other materials, although the library identifies on its website specific internet sites that have potential interest for library users. The library specifically disclaims any responsibility for information obtained on the internet, and the library will have no liability for direct, indirect or consequential damages related to the use of information accessed through the library's internet service.

As with other library materials, restriction of a child's access to the internet is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian. Parents are encouraged to come in with their children and supervise internet sessions at the library. Parents should instruct children in the Rules for Online Safety recommended by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Users must agree to obey all applicable federal, state and local laws including, but not limited to; copyright, licensing and content restrictions. Users may not use library equipment for any illegal or fraudulent actions. Users may not in any way engage in any activity that is libelous or slanderous. Nor shall any patron use any Internet resources to offend, harass, intimidate or threaten any third party.

In addition, the following NH RSAs and US laws specifically address illegal internet use:

- Viewing, printing, distributing, displaying, sending, or receiving text or graphics that may be construed as obscene under NH RSA 650.

- Viewing, printing, distributing, displaying, sending or receiving text or graphics that may be construed to be child pornography under NH RSA 649 A & B and 18 USC 110 of the US Code.

- Disseminating, exhibiting, or displaying materials to minors that may be considered harmful to minors under NH RSA 571 B.

The Library reserves the right to terminate the user's internet privileges for abuse of these conditions or for unauthorized use of the library's internet connection.

COMPUTER USAGE

All computer users must sign in on the computer usage sheet and agree to the library's internet use policy.

Computers in the Youth Library are reserved for the use of children, their families or legal guardians.

Computers may be reserved up to one day in advance. Computers may be used for one hour, and usage may be renewed if there are no other patrons waiting.

Each patron may reserve only one library computer at a time. The library will not "hold" a reserved computer while the patron leaves the building.

Free wireless internet access is available at the library. Certain parts of the library may have limited wireless reception, and the library does not guarantee service.

By choosing to use the internet, the user agrees to abide by the library's internet use policy.

The library's wireless network is not secure. In addition, the library assumes no responsibility for the safety of equipment or for notebook/laptop computer or other wireless device configurations, security, or data files resulting from connection to the library's wireless access.

Printing from computers: $0.30 a page for color and $0.15 a page for black and white. The following printouts are free when determined to be homework related: black and white prints – 5 pages and color prints - 2 pages.

No computer software or equipment may leave the building. In addition, no outside software may be loaded onto library computers. (Chromebooks checked out on a patron account may leave the building)

Each computer user is responsible for providing his/her own data storage device. No data may be saved to any library computer. The library takes no responsibility for any loss or damage to patrons' data while the patron is using the library's computer equipment.

The staff will assist with basic computer usage questions. Users are expected to have working knowledge of the computers and programs. An appointment may be made with a staff member for computer training.

Headphones must be used if speakers are needed for computer usage. Users may bring their own headphones, and the library has headphones available for purchase at the cost of $1/pair.

Parents of minor children assume complete responsibility for their children's use of computers and internet in the library. The library does not provide supervision for minors while on the computers.

The library reserves the right to restrict or terminate computer use privileges of any patron who is misusing or abusing library equipment.

No food or drink is permitted while computers are being used.

No more than two people may be at a computer workstation at any one time.

All computers will be shut down fifteen minutes before closing time.